



# TRADERS' ANGER OVER A-BOARDS

BY TOM OAKLEY

**CALLS have been made to scrap a new council policy over A-board advertising outside shops in the district.**

Plans to charge businesses to put up pavement advertising boards were introduced last month after Cannock Chase Council updated its policy. It covers the commercial use of the highway, including A-boards, pavement cafes, promotions and gazebos.

Charges include £85 to set up an A-board for three years, up to £500 a year for a pavement cafe depending on its size, and £25 a day for single items such as rides.

Council bosses introduced the scheme in the hope that it would 'breathe new life' into centres in Hednesford, Cannock and Rugeley.

But Councillor Paul Woodhead, who represents the Hednesford South ward, claims it is having a negative impact on the market town – with some traders choosing not to display A-boards anymore.

He said: "The council agreed late last year in October to change the policy around A-boards and commercial advertising under the obstruction of highways regulations. The was to remove things stopping people from getting injured.

## Replace

"It was implemented on April 1 and officers have been going round to businesses in Hednesford and had quite a negative impact on the town. Some shopkeepers have decided they're not going to display A-boards.

"It's not just the £85 over three years, they've been told their A-Board is 10cm higher than the criteria and they've got to replace it.

"It just seems to be addressing an issue that was never there. Shopkeepers have said people think their shop is closed because they don't have A-boards outside."

As of October last year, there were 165 A-boards set up across the district, as well as 25 pavement cafes and 25 'miscellaneous' items.

Councillor Woodhead is carrying out a feedback scheme with traders to get their opinions, which he will pass on to officers at the council.

"I've written to council leader George Adamson and others to say that this is having a detrimental effect on the town," he said.

A council spokesperson said: "Cannock Chase Council decided to introduce a Pavement Café Licence & Commercial Obstructions Policy in October 2017. The council embarked upon a six-week consultation on the proposal in February 2017. The policy was fully implemented in April 2018 and the expectation is that all premises in the district comply with council requirements."

## VISION OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ON FACTORY SITE



**An artist's impression of how the homes on the Gestamp Tallent site could look**

THIS is how the site of a major Cannock factory could look under plans to build nearly 200 homes.

The proposal for the land currently occupied by Gestamp Tallent off Wolverhampton Road has been recommended for approval by planning officials.

One of Cannock's largest employers, the car parts manufacturer intends to move to a £70 million base at Four Ashes.

The company wants to demolish its current

factory to pave the way for 180 properties and 30,000 sq ft of employment space.

Its proposed move out of Cannock has been considered a blow for the town but company bosses say it will not happen 'overnight'.

Cannock Chase Council's finance director Bob Kean said the authority was 'naturally disappointed' Gestamp was leaving the area when plans were first revealed last year but admitted that the move was necessary to secure its future. Rather than leave Cannock

completely, Gestamp has said there could be potential to set up a new training facility at its site near the A5.

Ian Middleton, UK chairman of Gestamp Tallent, said it was likely to be 'two or three years' before the homes are built.

The company is not planning to leave Cannock until the end of next year.

He said: "It is exciting for the area. It will bring much-needed housing."

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## COURT

### Fireworks boss guilty of blaze manslaughter

A BUSINESSMAN has been found guilty of the manslaughter of two men who died in a catastrophic blaze at a fireworks factory. Employee Simon Hillier, aged 41, and customer Stewart Staples, 57, both from Hednesford, died inside the SP Fireworks building after a blaze on October 30, 2014.

And on Tuesday, owner Richard Pearson, who was himself critically injured in the fire, was found guilty at Stafford Crown Court of causing their deaths by gross negligence in failing to take reasonable care in the storage and handling of explosives.

Pearson, 44, had denied two counts of manslaughter but a jury of four men and eight women took less than four hours to reach their guilty verdicts.

The prosecution said he had transferred too many rockets, aerial shells and other fireworks from a large shipping container in Penkridge to the Baswich shop in the run-up to Bonfire Night and Diwali.

Pearson, of Holyrood Close, Stafford, will be sentenced at the court on June 13.

## RAILWAY

### £1.5m to help limit impact of HS2 route

THE National Trust has secured £1.5 million from HS2 Ltd to help safeguard and make improvements to Cannock Chase and Shugborough.

It comes after the charity submitted concerns to parliament about the impact that Phase 2a of the high-speed line will have on Cannock Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), the Shugborough Estate and surrounding areas. The funds will go towards the Trent-Sow Parklands and Cannock Chase AONB HS2 Group, which assesses the impact of the route on the area and advises HS2 Ltd on designs.

HS2 Ltd also committed to providing solutions to limit noise from the Great Haywood viaduct.

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# Villagers hit out at 'disastrous' scheme

PLANS for 449 new homes in Norton Canes are set to be given the final go-ahead by the council. The land north of the M6 Toll between Norton Hall Lane and Butts Lane had been earmarked for the project under Cannock Chase Council's local plan, sparking hundreds of objections. Now, a reserved matters proposal is due to be backed by council chiefs at a meeting next week. It comes after the scheme was given outline planning permission in 2015, with the more detailed application being put forward to the local authority in December last year. Persimmon Homes and Bloor Homes are behind the plans to regenerate the land. Public consulta-

tion saw 57 letters of representation including letters of objections – with concerns expressed around traffic and the lack of infrastructure. A report on behalf of protesters reads: "The development destroys the few green areas left to the people of our community, which has been transformed from a village to a concrete jungle in a matter of years. The development will lay concrete and brick where green fields, flora, fauna and wildlife were previously enjoyed by the community. "When residents suffered the construction and implementation of the toll road we were promised that the green buffer this development will destroy would be there to reduce atmospheric toxins. Res-

idents received compensation for the construction of the toll road because of the adverse effect on the environment and to our health. We are now threatened by the same problem. This disastrous plan will create additional traffic problems." Fourteen per cent of the houses will be affordable homes, including some social rental properties. A statement on behalf of the applicant says: "The application is for a residential development of approximately 449 houses with associated infrastructure, landscaping and public open space areas. Access to the site will be via a traffic roundabout to be constructed on Norton Hall Lane which will also act as a new gateway into Norton Canes."

# 200 homes plan for factory site backed

**A PLAN to build nearly 200 homes on the site of a major Cannock factory looks set to be given the green light next week.**

Gestamp Tallent, which is moving to a new £70 million site at Four Ashes, wants to demolish its current factory to pave the way for 180 properties and 30,000 sq ft of employment space.

The proposal has been recommended for approval by planning officials.

The car parts manufacturer is one of Cannock's largest employers and its move to South Staffordshire was considered a blow for the town.

The factory site on Wolverhampton Road would be totally transformed under the plans, making way for the housing development and a huge area of new employment space, potentially bringing hundreds of jobs. Planning committee members in Cannock have been advised to approve the application at a meeting on Wednesday.

## Future

Ian Middleton, UK chairman of Gestamp Tallent, said it was likely to be 'two or three years' before the homes are built. The company is not planning to leave Cannock until the end of next year.

He said: "It is exciting for the area. It will bring much-needed housing, and that is probably more appropriate there than a factory. I think it will be a win-win for the council and residents, and on the commercial side it should bring more jobs."

"We have had a wonderful relationship with Cannock over a lot of years, and we want to keep that going in the future."

"We are not going to move out, if planning permission is achieved, next week. We are going to be vacating over the next 18 months. It is not going to be something that happens overnight."

A planning report prepared for the meeting said the proposal was considered 'acceptable' but council bosses are keen to hold future discussions about the possibility of including affordable housing.

## Warning as fires started deliberately



**Dangers – firefighters at the scene of the blaze on Gentleshaw Common**

THE dangers of fires in the outdoors has been highlighted after another blaze was deliberately started in Staffordshire.

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service issued a warning in the face of temperatures making conditions ideal for fires to start easily and spread quickly. The brigade has

been called to several grass fires this month, including a serious blaze off Cocksparrow Lane, Huntington, on Thursday at 4pm.

Firefighters used water jets and beaters to extinguish the flames on an area of heathland and trees measuring 40 metres by 30 metres. The incident followed one on

May 13 on Gentleshaw Common and one at Froghall, near Stoke-on-Trent, the same day.

Director of fire prevention Glynn Luznyj said: "We're calling for parents to warn their children about the dangers of starting fires and explain just how serious the consequences are."

# Council in kick-start for Walk to School Week

HUNDREDS of Staffordshire schoolchildren are putting their best foot forward as part of this year's Walk to School Week.

The campaign from May 21 to 25 is encouraging all children that can walk to join in. With more than 63 walking buses, Staffordshire continues to encourage more parents and children to actively travel to school. A walking bus is like a normal bus but on foot. It takes the same route to school every day, picking up children along the way.

During Walk to School Week, the county council's active travel team will be supporting a number of activities including a new 'park and stride' location at Heath Hayes Primary School and WOW – Walk Once a Week – in the Stafford borough. At present, 60 schools in the county are taking part in WOW.

Councillor Helen Fisher, cabinet support member for highways at the county council, said: "We've been working closely with schools over the last few years to encourage more parents and their children to walk to school, and it's great to see so many taking part in this year's campaign."

"Walking or even scooting or cycling to school has so many benefits for the community and it's something we are keen to see more of. Not only does it help to keep parents and children fit and healthy, saves money on petrol, but it helps to ease congestion outside."

# Colliery wheel fund tops £700

A CAMPAIGN to help raise money towards returning an iconic mining wheel to the former Littleton Colliery site has raised more than £700.

Huntington Parish Council need more than £100,000 in total – and are appealing for £15,000 from members of the public to support the Huntington Memorial Garden project, which will see the huge wheel relocated to the centre of the village.

Residents, ex-miners and their relatives are being invited to buy engraved bricks in tribute that will build the garden itself on Littleton Green.

Just over week after the project was launched, a total of £722 had been raised. To back the fundraising campaign go to [www.crowdfunder.co.uk/huntingtonmemorialgarden](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/huntingtonmemorialgarden)

# Car damage plea

STAFFORDSHIRE Police are appealing for witnesses after the side of a grey Hyundai was scratched on the Tesco car park in Hednesford on May 15. "If anyone has seen or heard anything please call 101 and quote serial 191 16/05/18."

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# Homes staff hand over donations to charities

HOUSING association employees have marked the end of a successful fundraising campaign by handing over donations to good causes chosen by staff.

Each year Housing Plus Group backs charities nominated by employees. During 2017 the group raised money for Macmillan, the MS Society and Sands. The pounds came rolling in thanks to raffles, sponsored walks and cake sales.

“Colleagues succeeded in topping last year’s total and raised more than £2,570,” said Housing Plus Group’s chief executive Sarah Boden.

“I’m really proud of everyone who worked so hard to support such great causes. Many of us have friends or family members who have been helped by these charities and this is our way of giving something back.”

Cheques were presented to Pauline Lewis of Macmillan Cancer Support, Lyndsey Smith of the MS Society and Elliot Ashton of Sands.

Sarah Boden and neighbourhoods director Jan Goode met with the charities at River View, the group’s recently completed retirement living community in Penkridge.

“We are absolutely delighted to have been chosen as one of the charities of the year for Housing Plus Group,” said Lyndsey Smith. “Their support will make a real difference to the work that we do in this area.”

## Council unveils its meetings schedule

HEDNESFORD Town Council has drawn up a schedule of meetings for the next municipal year.

Members of the public are welcome to attend all meetings and, before the proceedings begin, may ask questions or make statements.

All meetings will be held at Pye Green Community Centre.

The calendar of meetings for 2018-19 starts on June 19 followed by further council meetings on July 31, September 11 and November 6. Further ahead, the Annual Town Meeting is on April 16, 2019, and the Annual Council Meeting is on May 14, 2019.

Copies of agenda reports and minutes can be obtained from Hednesford Library, online at [www.hednesford-tc.gov.uk](http://www.hednesford-tc.gov.uk) or by calling 01543 424872.

## Plea on stolen car

POLICE are appealing for information after a red Fiat Panda was stolen from Aspen Close, Lichfield. It is believed it was taken early on May 13. Anyone with any information is urged to call 101 quoting incident 922.

# Sticker campaign on use of green bins



The ‘Which bin guide’ sticker

RESIDENTS in the Cannock Chase district are being issued with a new ‘Which bin guide’ sticker.

The sticker will be placed on the lid to remind residents not to put recyclable items into the general waste bin.

Cannock Chase Council collected 8,600 tonnes of dry recycling waste from blue bins against 19,500 tonnes of general ‘green bins’ waste at the kerbside in 2017-18.

By encouraging residents to ‘stop and think’ the council hopes to increase its dry recycling rates and ensure the correct waste goes into the

correct bin. The campaign follows the successful contamination campaign, which ran in autumn 2016 and targeted residents who put general waste in the blue bin.

Councillor John Preece, portfolio leader for the environment, said “Recycling can be confusing, these guides are not only informative but also give residents a nudge if they are about to put something in the green bin that could have been recycled.

“We are asking residents to put non-recyclable/bagged/food waste into their green bin not their blue bin. Al-

though not shown, any waste in the green bin can be bagged.

“As the weather continues to improve we would also encourage the residents of Cannock Chase to get out in the garden.

“Our garden waste recycling figures are lower than we would like them to be. But as we head into the summer months it’s a great opportunity to get out in the garden and fill their brown bin.”

To find out which bin to use, ‘click to search’ at [www.cannockchased.gov.uk/whichbin](http://www.cannockchased.gov.uk/whichbin)

# Tributes pour in for former police chief

TRIBUTES have been paid to a former police chief and community champion.

Bill Longmore, who spent 30 years with Staffordshire Police before serving as a councillor in Cannock Chase, died aged 79 following a long battle with cancer. The respected former superintendent retired from the police in the 1980s and turned his attention to helping to improve local communities. He later became



Bill Longmore

West Mercia’s first Police and Crime Commissioner.

Mr Longmore was hailed for his efforts in trying to make a difference to communities in Staffordshire, both during and after his time in the force.

He was named BBC Sports Personality of the Year’s Unsung Hero for the West Midlands in 2011 in recognition of his tireless efforts in getting more people to take up sport. He ran the Peelers boys’ football team, which counted Stan Collymore among its members, and also founded the police-backed Space holiday programmes.

He remained a passionate campaigner in later life and spent recent years devoted to improving his village Hanwood, near Shrewsbury, where he developed the bowls club and secured a £50,000 grant to create an outdoor exercise area and BMX track.

Paying tribute to Mr Longmore, Staffordshire’s Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis said: “Bill was a good man, who always tried to do the right thing in all he did.”

Mr Longmore decided to make a return to a policing role in 2012 when he stood for the newly created role of Police and Crime Commissioner in the West Mercia force area as an independent candidate.

Current West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion said: “The energy Bill brought to the PCC role, particularly through the challenges he faced, was admirable and showed just how committed he was to making life better for the community around him.”

## Dave’s art impresses Doreen judges



Winning artist Dave Brevitt from Rugeley with Doreen and her portrait at Wolverhampton Art Gallery

THE winning portrait of Midland comedy star Doreen has been unveiled.

Budding artists took on the challenge to draw and paint the comic in a special competition last year.

Shortlisted entries went on public display at Wolverhampton Art Gallery. And the winner has now been confirmed as Dave Brevitt,

from Rugeley. The judging panel included Antiques Roadshow expert Will Farmer, Tess Radcliffe from Wolverhampton Art Gallery, Doreen Tipton herself, and writer and competition organiser David Tristram.

The competition was organised while Doreen was starring in the Grand Theatre’s 2017-18 pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk. It

has since been announced she will appear in this year’s panto, Sleepin’ Beauty, as The Nurse.

Her original million hit YouTube viral success has now blossomed into a series of theatre tours, a full-length feature film featuring Robert Plant and Steve Bull, an autobiography, BBC radio show and online comedy sketch channel called Doreen TV.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Helpers required for Ironman 70.3

IRONMAN 70.3 Staffordshire is looking for volunteers and volunteer groups to help out with marshalling the bike and run courses, assisting in transition and at the start of the race at the swim.

Volunteers will be joining a team of more than 500 people including stewards, medical staff and technical officials. They will have the chance to gain great experience of working behind the scenes of a world-renowned event, helping 2500 athletes achieve their goal of reaching the finish line.

Ironman 70.3 Staffordshire is on Sunday, June 10. Volunteer at [www.ironman.com/staffordshire70.3](http://www.ironman.com/staffordshire70.3)

## Show to mark 10 years since debut

A TRIBUTE show marking 10 years since Adele’s debut album was released comes to Lichfield’s Garrick Theatre tomorrow (Friday).

Katie Markham’s performance will recreate the superstar’s music from her three hit albums, 19, 21 and 25, including hits such as Chasing Pavements, Someone Like You, Rolling in the Deep, Hello, and Skyfall.

She will also feature songs by some of the legends that inspired Adele.

Someone Like You – The Adele Songbook starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £24 available on 01543 412121.

## Deadline nears for care awards

NOMINATIONS for the Staffordshire Dignity in Care Awards close tomorrow (Friday).

Now in its sixth year, the awards scheme recognises care services and individuals who ensure people in care are treated with dignity and respect.

Among the categories in this year’s awards are: Leadership, Community, Young Dignity Champion and Informal Carer of the year.

Winners will be announced and presented with their prizes on July 18.

Call 01785 355795 or visit [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/dignityincare](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/dignityincare)

## Town looks forward to its Charter Fair

PREPARATIONS are under way for the Rugeley Charter Fair, which takes place on Saturday, June 9.

A carnival parade beginning at midday will wind its way around the town, arriving at The Green Lane Playing fields where there will be a varied line-up of entertainment.

Attractions include a magic show, Circus Avago, the Mighty Smith Magic Show, and ferret racing, as well as a giant fair.

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## Small firms raising wages on increase

THE share of small firms increasing wages for their employees has hit a three-and-a-half year high, according to the latest research from the Federation of Small Businesses.

Two thirds of small firms (66 per cent) have increased salaries over the past year, the highest proportion since the last quarter of 2014. Also at a three-and-a-half year high is the share of small business owners awarding pay increases of two per cent or more (50 per cent). A quarter have increased pay by four per cent or more.

And 79 per cent say they have maintained or increased headcounts over the past three months.

## Police praised on disability support

WEST Midlands Police has been honoured by the Department of Work and Pensions. It is the first metropolitan police force to be recognised for supporting staff with disabilities. The force has been named as a disability confident leader by the DWP.

Head of diversity and inclusion, Anthony Burnett, said: "The award of disability leader status is a great achievement for the force."

"The award is a testament to the dedication and efforts of our many ambassadors across the force."

The force worked in partnership with Jaguar Land Rover to achieve its new status.

## Angling firm reels in record profits

SPECIALIST fishing tackle and equipment shop chain Angling Direct, which has sites in Willenhall and Halesowen, saw both sales and profits rise to record levels in the year to the end of January.

Group revenue was up 44 per cent to £30.24 million with profits before tax ahead 24 per cent to £1.1m.

Online sales were up 54 per cent to £16.1m and shop sales by 40 per cent to £13.2m.

Its shops network has grown to 21.

## Marston's new chair to take her seat

SENIOR independent director Carolyn Bradley will become interim chairman of Wolverhampton-based Marston's from the start of June.

She will replace Roger Devlin, who steps down on May 31, while the search for his successor continues. The former group brand director of Tesco spent more than 25 years in various roles. Mr Devlin will become chairman of Persimmon on June 1.

# Smaller response teams leads to rethink

MORE police officers will be seen on the beat in Staffordshire under an overhaul of policing in the county.

A total of 28 more neighbourhood officers will be introduced in Cannock Chase, South Staffordshire, Stafford and Lichfield by the end of July. In total, 75 officers will be added to neighbourhood teams across the county, and a further 69 by 2020.

Many are being redeployed from

response teams, which have reduced in size thanks to a fall in call-outs required.

A 'resolution centre' deals with non-emergency calls over the phone, saving a visit from a police officer.

The force has revealed where the new neighbourhood officers would be based, including:

● Cannock Chase – seven more neighbourhood officers will be added

along with two intelligence officers. There are currently 20 neighbourhood officers and 19 PCSOs.

● South Staffordshire – eight more neighbourhood officers will be added along with one intelligence officer. There are currently 15 neighbourhood officers and 20 PCSOs.

● Stafford – seven more neighbourhood officers will be added along with two intelligence officers. There are

currently 20 neighbourhood officers and 20 PCSOs.

● Lichfield – six more neighbourhood officers will be added along with one intelligence officer. There are currently 15 neighbourhood officers and 21 PCSOs.

Chief Constable Gareth Morgan said: "These changes will improve the way we respond, problem solve, investigate and prevent crime."

# Force shake-up aims to create 'visible policing'

Report by Alex Ross

**THE Chief Constable of Staffordshire has outlined a shake-up of policing that will see more neighbourhood officers on the streets.**

Gareth Morgan wants to increase the visibility of the force in towns and villages, taking officers out of stations and into communities equipped with remote technology.

The new policing model will see eight more neighbourhood officers in South Staffordshire, seven in each of Cannock Chase and Stafford, and six in Lichfield by the end of July.

They will be among 75 new officers in the county. Many will be redeployed from the force's response teams, which will now be controlled from three stations – Cannock, Hanley and Burton – instead of eight and will be positioned at strategic road points.

### Fewer

Fifty detectives will also be added to the force by the autumn.

Thanks to a precept rise of 6.29 per cent in the county's council tax, an extra 48 police officers will be recruited this year – but the force will still have 500 fewer officers than it did in 2010.

A review of the police estate is being carried out and will receive a recommendation from Mr Morgan, who said at a media briefing that he was open to options of sharing bases with partner agencies.

"The public want visible policing in their communities doing things that are important to them," he said.

"Thankfully the vast majority are not affected by violence crime, counter terrorism or cyber crime but I have to do all those things. So part of my conversation with the public in Staffordshire is that I will be putting resources into local communities."

## Footpath clean-up campaign launched



Lichfield MP Michael Fabricant, third from left, and volunteers at the Hammerwich clean-up launch

THE Hammerwich public footpath clear-up campaign has been officially launched.

Lichfield MP Michael Fabricant and parish councillors welcomed volunteers to Walsall Ramblers' maintenance team who turned up to help Wayne Colson, who has kept the village footpaths tidy for many years.

Councillor Carolyn Gittings said: "Wayne has done a great job for so long, with his tireless voluntary efforts, but he does need some help now. Our aim is to keep all the paths in working order, so that everyone can enjoy the wonderful countryside that surrounds our village."

Walsall Ramblers chairman Kevin Wilcox said: "Ham-

merwich has a complex network of public footpaths that feature in booklet form of five walks ranging from two to seven miles.

"We will be incorporating some of them in our winter walks programme as a tribute to Wayne and we hope other volunteers will come forward to help him keep up the good work. Special thanks must go to Hammerwich Hall care home for all their support and Bradshaw's butchers for providing us with lunch."

Mr Fabricant said: "As a very keen walker, I know how important the clearing of footpaths and rights of way is. We should all work together to maintain them."

# Warning on weekend of rail routes disruption

PASSENGERS are being advised to check before they travel, ahead of engineering work on the rail network over the bank holiday weekend.

As part of the Railway Upgrade Plan, work will be taking place at various locations which may affect journeys, and passengers should plan ahead to avoid disruption, Network Rail says.

Martin Frobisher, managing director for the London North Western route, said: "These upgrades are a vital step towards us being able to provide better, more reliable journeys for the millions of passengers who travel on the railway from London to Carlisle via the West Midlands and the north-west of England."

Work includes a resignalling project between Birmingham New Street and Coventry which means changes to certain journeys.

Buses will replace trains in both directions between Birmingham New Street and Coventry via Birmingham International on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Track maintenance and signalling work will mean a replacement bus service will be in place for passengers travelling between Northampton and Milton Keynes on Sunday morning.

And track renewal in the Penrith area of Cumbria will mean bus replacement services for some journeys on the West Coast main line.

There will also be 'enabling' work taking place at Euston in preparation for HS2.

Passengers can get the latest travel information and plan their journeys at [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) or via individual train operators.

## College lockdown: teenager in court

A 19-YEAR-OLD Hednesford man has appeared in court charged with a number of offences after an incident that locked down Stafford College last week.

Keiron Walker, of Ebenezer Street, is charged with threats to kill, possession of an offensive weapon and affray in connection with the incident at the college's town centre campus on Tuesday, May 15.

Walker is also charged with wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm and criminal damage to a police car following a later incident in Rugeley the same day.

He appeared before magistrates in Newcastle-under-Lyme on Thursday when the hearing was adjourned.

He will now appear at Stafford Crown Court on June 15.

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# MPs support plan to arm officers in rural areas

PLANS for frontline officers across rural parts of Staffordshire to routinely carry handguns have been backed by county MPs.

The move is under consideration by the National Police Chiefs' Council because of a lack of specialist counter-terrorist firearms officers.

It comes after a drive to recruit such officers in England and Wales fell short by around 100.

Police say that arming officers in remote areas would be a last resort, but have warned that officers there would be 'sitting ducks' in the event of a terror attack.

Conservative MPs say the measure is necessary due to the rising terrorist threat.

Michael Fabricant, Tory MP for Lichfield, first called for Britain to re-examine its tradition of unarmed policing in March 2017, in light of mass shootings in Paris and the increased terrorist threat in the UK.

On the new plans to arm rural police, he said: "Sadly, this is the right decision. If a terror event were to happen in rural parts of the UK, time would be lost before armed police arrived."

Stone MP Sir Bill Cash said: "The security of the public comes first."

Simon Chesterman, the National Police Chiefs' Council lead for armed policing, said: "Ultimately, if something does happen, we have got to be able to provide an armed response."

# Shows tribute to musician

TWO charity shows in memory of a Hednesford musician are being held next month.

Allan Bishop died on June 15 last year, and both events will be in aid of Pancreatic Cancer UK.

The first is at Burntwood Rugby Club on Friday, June 15 when vocalist Dave Golding will be on stage. Compere for the evening, which runs from 7.30pm until late, will be David St John. Tickets are £5 available from the venue.

The other show is at The Soldiers Ex-Servicemen's Club in Hednesford at 7.30pm on Saturday, June 16.

Covers bands Best Shot and Tin Soldier, and Meat Loaf tribute act Meat Loud, will be on stage. Tickets are £5 available from the venue.

# Roaches ramble

CHASE Ramblers' outing this Sunday is an eight-mile moderate walk from The Roaches, near Leek, meeting at Hednesford railway station car park for a 9am prompt departure. For details call Roy on 07540 454548.

# Mr Roadrunner tortoise thrown from car



The tortoise is now recovering

THE RSPCA has appealed for information after a tortoise was thrown out of the window of a moving vehicle in Staffordshire.

A delivery driver was following a car when the creature was thrown onto the side of the road.

RSPCA inspector Charlotte Melvin said: "The driver saw something thrown from the window of the car in front and pulled over to see what it was.

"This poor tortoise was lying on the side of the road so the driver picked him up and took him to the nearest

vet. The vet had concerns about the welfare of the tortoise and the cruel manner in which he'd been abandoned so called us in."

The vet reported the incident in Ashbourne Road, Stoke-on-Trent, last Tuesday to the RSPCA and Inspector Melvin is now investigating.

"We've called him Mr Roadrunner after his rather dramatic ordeal but, thankfully, he's doing quite well," Inspector Melvin added.

"If he isn't claimed, then we will look for a loving new home for him. I'm now investigating what happened

to Mr Roadrunner and who was responsible for discarding him in such a cruel way.

"I'd like to hear from anyone who may know where he has come from or saw anything suspicious in the area on Tuesday afternoon to get in touch with us."

Anyone with information which may help the investigation should call the RSPCA appeal line on 0300 123 8018 and leave a message for Inspector Melvin.

For advice on keeping exotic animals, visit [www.rspca.org.uk](http://www.rspca.org.uk)

# Payouts for potholes damage top £100,000

**MORE than £100,000 was spent compensating people due to the poor condition of the county's roads in 2017, it can be revealed.**

New figures, released as part of a Freedom of Information request, show Staffordshire County Council paid out a total of £100,396 to claimants last year, with the highest single amount being £3,396.

Just under one third of the 1,211 people who claimed for damages received a payout.

The lowest amount compensated was £23.50 with the average pay out costing £255.46.

Last month the council announced it has pledged £5 million to fill more than 11,000 potholes in the county this year.

That figure is on top of the county council's annual £23.5m roads budget and the 20,000 potholes repaired in a typical year, which underlines the scale of the issue. The additional investment will see four 'zapping' machines deployed alongside crews on the potholes, surface dressing and routine maintenance.

## Urgent

These 18-tonne machines help speed up repairs by blowing debris, priming the road and filling the pothole. A dozen additional patching crews will also be funded, as well as extra surface dressing of roads to help make them more resilient and drainage improvement works in locations of known drainage problems contributing to pothole numbers

Councillor Helen Fisher, cabinet member for transport and highways at Staffordshire County Council, said: "Our insurers and legal team are committed to ensuring people receive fair but appropriate insurance payouts."

Staffordshire County Council says people can go online or download the mystaffsapp to report a pothole.

The very urgent potholes are normally fixed within 24 hours and are classed as category one.

Other urgent category two potholes are tackled in seven days where possible.

Category three repairs, which are often on little-used rural roads, are addressed once the more urgent repairs have been carried out.

## Patriotic pupils celebrate wedding



Balloons are released as part of the royal wedding celebrations at Glenthorne Primary School

PUPILS at Glenthorne Primary School turned the sky over Cheslyn Hay red, white and blue to celebrate the royal wedding.

Children arrived at school dressed patriotic colours for a fun day featuring stalls, races, party games, and a balloon race. They also learned about the Royal

Family. In the morning, the youngsters took part in games and activities including hook-a-duck, tin can alley, splat a rat, hoop throw, skittles, penalty shoot-out, a fun photo booth, sack race, space hopper race, egg and spoon race, obstacle race, and bean bag balance race.

To tie in with the royal theme, the playgrounds were decorated with bunting, and the pupils ate lunch outside in the style of a street party with nursery and reception pupils having a picnic. After lunch, children collected their balloons for the balloon race.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Policing panel in volunteers plea

VOLUNTEERS are being sought by the Safer Neighbourhood Panel for Cannock and Rugeley.

The panel is made up of local residents who meet regularly with their area's policing commander.

Safer Neighbourhood Panels are designed to influence and shape local policing. Panel members receive training to help them carry out their role.

Support Staffordshire help to deliver the project in the Cannock Chase and Rugeley district, Lichfield & Burntwood, and Tamworth.

Call 01543 303030 or email [jan.matthews@support.staffordshire.org.uk](mailto:jan.matthews@support.staffordshire.org.uk) to apply or obtain more details.

## Cats Protection in volunteers appeal

THE Lichfield & Tamworth branch of Cats Protection has launched an appeal for more volunteers.

Vacancies exist for a cat fosterer, neutering voucher volunteer, lost and found volunteer, Trap, Neuter and Return (TNR) volunteer, Vet Link volunteer, administration volunteer and cat care volunteers. Area branch development manager Rob Hall said: "All these roles are vital to the successful running of the branch.

Anyone wishing to apply for any of the roles can do so by visiting <https://lichfield.cats.org.uk/lichfield/volunteer>

## Children to learn gardening skills

CANALSIDE Farm at Great Haywood is holding gardening workshops for children on Tuesday, May 29, and Thursday, May 31.

The workshops, which start at 11am, aim to give children their first insight into gardening and how to grow their own produce.

The day will start with the children making their own hanging basket that they can take home and display in their gardens.

They will then be given a tomato plant to take home. To book a place, email [anna@canalsidefarm.co.uk](mailto:anna@canalsidefarm.co.uk)

## Charity begins search for collection helpers

A SPINA bifida charity is looking for volunteers to help with a collection.

Shine supports more than 11,500 people in England, Wales and Northern Ireland who have spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus. The charity has booked a collection at Asda in Cannock on September 13 and is looking for people to help.

To find out more, contact Rachel on 07464 674933 or email [rachel.thomas@shinecharity.org.uk](mailto:rachel.thomas@shinecharity.org.uk)

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



# Never mind A-team, it's ay we team for burglar

HAVE you seen the video of the neighbourhood watch group in Walsall that sprung into action when a suspected burglar was found climbing over a fence? In scenes likened to an episode of The A-Team, half the estate got involved, using cars to block every conceivable escape route, while about a dozen residents cornered the alleged baddie and held him until the Old Bill arrived.

That's what you call a close-knit community, and just the kind you want to live in. I love it when a plan comes together.

What we don't know yet, is what happened to the fate of the man. Has he been charged? Is he going through the courts? What will his sentence be?

We've all seen these police documentaries where after a long chase, vast use of manpower, maybe a helicopter and a police dog or two, chummy is bundled into the back of the van. And then a voiceover at the end of the programme nonchalantly informs us the hooligan was released without charge, given a suspended sentence or a few hours community service. Let's hope that justice is done.

JEREMY Clarkson recently revealed that in the early days when he was preparing to work on his Grand Tour TV show, his boss advertised for a director. Applications came from all over the world, and for a fortnight a 2ft high pile of CVs sat on his desk.

When it came to drawing up a shortlist, the boss took the top seven-eighths of the pile, and threw them in the bin.

"I don't employ unlucky people," he told his secretary. Really? It's just that he does employ Richard Hammond, who seems to have spent most of the past decade in hospital after crashing various vehicles at high speed. If he's the lucky one, you wouldn't want to swap places with one of the others.

WHEN Oldbury teaching assistant Dawn Paige found her wheelie bin had been tampered with, her first thought was that children were responsible. However, when she examined her CCTV, it appeared to suggest something rather more disturbing – a big cat, maybe a lioness or a leopard. Dudley Zoo keepers appear to agree, but insist that all their big cats are present and correct, and you would hope they know what they're talking about.

It does remind me of the old Tommy Mundon joke, though. A lion escaped from Dudley Zoo, made its way up to Tip-top, but it saw some kids playing in the street and ran away scared.

# Will Ferrell ever bring out a movie on Eurovision?



No joy for Jezza in the local elections – but why should this be a consideration?



I've seen the future, of Eurovision, and it's not orange, it's Burgundy, maybe



Trump's America...ticking along nicely despite everything, says a recent visitor

# Continuing s-train of costly transport

WITH Peter Rhodes off on his holidays, this week, instead, we have snippets from three of our writers who dared to try and fill the great man's shoes...

**ALEX ROSS:**  
GOOD news! Finally, a review is to be done over rail fares in a bid to stop passengers being ripped off. It will address concerns that travellers 'are being cheated', according to The Times. Cheated is an understatement. Return ticket from Wolverhampton to Stockport – 60 miles – £33. I'm afraid the car keys are still out.

AND why Stockport? My football team, which unleashed another season of pain on me. Alas, a summer free... but no, we have a World Cup, and England are taking part. Pain is relentless.

MOVING on, and AA have this week described the state of Britain's roads as a disgrace. It claims potholes cost motorists at least £1m a month in damages. I'm going to stick my neck out here. Yes, our roads do have potholes. There are more than 250,000 miles of road in this country. Let's face it, it would be impossible to keep on top of and continually repair/replace every stretch of road impacted. Can't we all just slow down, look at the road ahead and take care?

**LEIGH SANDERS:**  
WHAT a great day for Wolves fans with that promotion parade on Bank Holiday Monday. The weather, the numbers on the streets, the atmosphere. What did make me laugh was the

## THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



national press arriving and trying to join in the party. One colleague pointed out one outlet had written about 'amber and black' being out in force. Didn't realise Barnet fans were there too.

NATIONAL news reports on the day of the local councils vote annoyed me greatly. One commentator announced 'neither Jeremy Corbyn nor Theresa May really made any gains'. But surely this is not the point. National and regional/local politics are two completely different beasts and should be treated as such, otherwise we will never break the chain of national political point scoring and tomfoolery and actually get local councillors who can achieve something.

POTHOLES. Yes, dreaded potholes. I've already had to fork out £183 in 2018 on two damaged tyres and a buckled wheel thanks to the damned things. And reading the letters page in this paper I am not the only one. Still, nice to see the council has the cash for 'pop-up gardens' in Wolverhampton though.

AH, Eurovision. As well as being the eccentric escape of a continent from everyday stress it is still as much fun now watching the absolutely politically neutral voting part, ahem, as it was

when I was a child. Plus, this year we found out Hollywood star Will Ferrell, through his Swedish wife, is a huge fan. He is apparently thinking about making a movie on the spectacle. I think we can all agree Ron Burgundy competing for the Swedes would be a barrel of laughs.

**KEITH HARRISON:**  
I'M just back from Trump's America, where I expected to find the place in rack and ruin, given what a terrible and beastly President he is (copyright all media everywhere). Strangely, the streets were clean, the shops buzzed, traffic moved and there were friendly police everywhere. I couldn't find any of those 'Make America Great Again' hats... but it seems to be doing OK (copyright no media anywhere).

IN terms of The Donald, I did see quite a few middle-aged women in 'Resist' T-shirts. 'Resist' what exactly? Democracy?

WE were also taken aback by huge digital roadside billboards advertising the waiting times in local hospital A&E departments. The longest we saw was nine – yes, NINE – minutes. Worth remembering when we lecture other countries about our glorious National Health Service.

IF you're offended by that (and I know criticism of the NHS is verboten) and fancy beating me up, bear in mind that 61 Staffordshire A&E patients waited for 12 HOURS in March. Therefore, it could be quicker for me to fly to New York and be treated there than in the local hospital I can see from my bedroom window.

TALKING POINT



# Sporting chance needed for all tastes

AN enforced absence from work left me at the mercy of daytime television. So thank goodness for the radio.

A head in a book with the radio on was how I best chose to spend my recovery period. And when I was fit enough to at least 'potter' about again, the radio was once more my ideal companion.

I was grateful though to sit through days of Commonwealth Games coverage, which beat any of the drivel that usually fills our screens during the day.

While media outlets like to have us believe that football – the Premier League at least – is the be all and end all of the sporting world, it was great to see different sports being given extensive coverage. Squash, badminton, swimming, gymnastics, even netball. I was engrossed in them all.

The dedication of these athletes, the sportsmanship and competitiveness was plain for all to see. And these are not exclusive sports. They are ones that anyone can play or get involved in at little cost. Sometimes these sports need to be brought to the nation's attention to realise there is a life outside of football, and the attitude of the newspapers, radio and television that think the public is only interested in what is going on at Old Trafford, Stamford Bridge and the likes.

And you just know that when it comes to awards at the end of the year, some of these gold medal winning athletes will be overlooked, despite their achievements, in favour of some bigger name from a more popular pastime.

The Games, and the Olympics before them, have put a number of so-called minority sports on the map, but sadly it is only on such big occasions when they are given a platform.

Hopefully, when the Games come to Birmingham in 2022, The Second City can put on as good a show as our Aussie hosts on the Gold Coast did this year. Secondly, we can only hope the coverage will be just as extensive – on terrestrial TV and not truncated by adverts.

The BBC has lost the rights to many top sporting events in recent years, with Wimbledon, the Boat Race and the FA Cup Final among the few remaining big events covered. The Grand National and Royal Ascot, F1 and Test cricket have all fallen by the wayside. Now even Test Match Special has been lost.

Who knows what could happen in the next four years, or two when the Olympics come around again. But I'd like to be reassured that these so-called minor sports will continue to fill valuable airtime.

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Staff and residents at the opening of the Fir Tree Court development in Moss Street, Chadsmoor

COUNCIL representatives were on hand to celebrate the opening of a new development of specialist supported apartments in Chadsmoor for adults with learning and physical disabilities.

Comprising 16 apartments, and four fully customised bungalows for adults with complex needs, the Fir Tree Court development in Moss Street provides tenants with their own personal accommodation to meet their individual preferences, needs and requirements. Care staff are availa-

ble on site 24/7 to provide support and ensure the residents can live as independently as possible.

Key members of Cannock Chase Council and Staffordshire County Council attended the opening ceremony.

The £3.4 million development, which was officially opened by the county council's chairman Councillor Michael Greateorex, is the result of an ongoing partnership between specialist supported living developers HBV, Lifeways Community Care and Inclusion Housing CIC.

## Street trading fees bid

**EVENT organisers face a new fees structure as Lichfield looks to enhance its reputation as 'the city of festivals'.**

The district council has updated its policy on street trading as special events become ever more popular.

"Since 2016, when traders attend special events, we have waived the usual street trading fee, which we are delighted has encouraged even more

events to take place in the city," cabinet member Councillor Doug Pullen said. "That said, the growth in size and number of special events has meant the workload to support these has sky rocketed to a level that we can no longer administer them without bringing in additional resource."

"To ensure we can continue to support special events, as part of our new street trading policy, we are proposing that a small fee is introduced for the

cost of street trading licences at special events. The proposed cost of a special event licence will be £21 for the first day, rather than £33, and £13 for subsequent days. Lichfield is fast becoming known as the city of festivals. It is vital that street trading in the city and district is safe and well managed."

The changes can be viewed at [www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/nstp](http://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/nstp) and any comments can be sent via [street-trading@lichfielddc.gov.uk](mailto:street-trading@lichfielddc.gov.uk)



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# Please fix potholes and buses

I HAVE been a visitor to Cannock many time over last 30 years, since migrating to Australia.

This time, I am extremely dismayed at the quality of the roads in this area.

There are potholes in nearly every road I travel on, most notably at Bideford Way/Longford Road which can be seen on Google Maps.

Another concern is the lack of a bus service around the Shoal Hill Estate. This was a great asset to residents and myself, to go into town, the last time I visited.

Council, please get these areas of concern fixed so next time I visit I can without wrecking suspension on a car, and be able to catch a bus on the Shoal Hill Estate into town and back. Thanks.

ERIC  
Visitor from Australia

# Present owners have serious ambitions

IF Mick McCarthy or any of his Championship-winning players had been watching the celebrations of the current champions they could be forgiven if it was with something of a bitter taste in the mouth!

Back in 2003 when Wolves reached the Premiership, it was via the play-offs and not as champions.

Nonetheless they were afforded the opportunity to celebrate with the fans

in an open-top bus parade, an occasion denied to Mick, his team and the fans.

Wolves fans will remember that Jez Moxey came out with numerous pathetic excuses as to why it didn't take place – not enough time to arrange, health and safety concerns, a lack of expertise in such matters and how the crowds would be controlled.

Was the real reason that owner Steve Morgan was not willing to fund

such an event? Lack of proper investment in the playing staff was what ultimately resulted in a relegation back to the Championship.

Thankfully the present owners have serious ambitions for Wolves along with serious amounts of money to back it up, unlike Morgan who clearly had neither.

D JONES  
Wolverhampton

# No doubt about the choices

I HAVE just read, admittedly with some incredulity, a letter from Mr Wall (May 17), stating that those who voted to leave the European Union are bullying this country into a 'hard' Brexit, whatever that is.

As far as I can remember, we had a simple choice, to remain in the EU or leave.

The pros and cons were fully discussed for some considerable time during the campaigns, so there is no doubt whatsoever that everyone knew what they were voting for.

If bullying has, or is taking place, it most certainly isn't from those who want independence, for they have nothing to bully with.

All they have is a belief in the democratic process.

TOM ROBBINS  
Norton Canes

# Music therapy helps alleviate symptoms

I WOULD like to say a big thank you to everyone who is helping to raise the profile of dementia during Dementia Action Week (May 21-27).

We know that people with dementia often live in a silent world, yet music can bring a person back to life.

Work we've done at the Utley Foundation with the International Longevity Centre-UK has shown how music can alleviate symptoms for people living with dementia, yet less than five per cent of the 16,000 care homes in the UK provide music as part of treatment.

We are looking to appoint an ambassador to mobilise a taskforce to help create more access to music for people with dementia. We've got some way to go to improve the quality of life and wellbeing of people living with dementia but thank you to those who have helped us champion the use of music therapy, it's hugely appreciated.

PAUL HARDCASTLE  
Musician and producer

# Lack of poll information

I WONDER if the result of the council election would have been different if the candidates had bothered to tell the electorate their ideas for the future. I live in Rugeley's Etching Hill and The Heath ward, and received no information from any of the four candidates.

D EVANS  
Rugeley

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# Show to celebrate hit West End production



Mike Holoway, front, gets set for his performance in Cannock, with Graham Tudor, from Chadsmoor, who is directing the show

**A SHOW** marking the 50th anniversary of Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* is coming to Cannock.

Tread Productions will present *Brothers Beyond*, a musical theatre tribute show at the Prince of Wales Centre on September 9.

Featuring numbers from some of the biggest West End musicals including *Les Misérables*, *Jesus Christ Superstar* and of course *Joseph*, the show has been created and directed by

former *Joseph* star and local lad Graham Tudor.

He joined the cast of *Joseph* in 1998 as Isachar and went on to don the famous coat from 1999 to 2003 – and again in 2005.

Graham, from Chadsmoor, has since gone on to star in several West End shows including *Grease*, *Mamma Mia*, and *The Rocky Horror Show*.

He said: "I have some fantastic memories of my time in *Joseph*, and when I realised it was the show's 50th anniversary I felt that I had to do something to honour the occasion."

"When I approached all the cast members, they were all as excited by

the sound of this project as me and I am thrilled to bring them all together for this show."

"This will be the first time these performers, band and crew have worked together in 20 years!"

Joining him is a collection of some of the finest West End performers around, who have all appeared in *Joseph* over the last 20 years, including the longest serving member in the title role – Mike Holoway.

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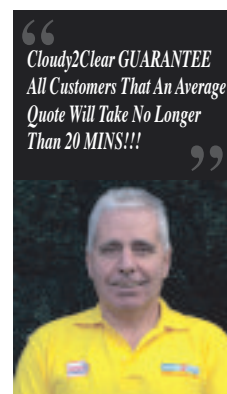
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# 10 Firm boosts playground project

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A PROJECT to provide children with a new playground has received a boost from a building firm.

Cameron Homes handed over £1,000 to a group of mothers in Hill Ridware who are behind the plan.

Cameron, based in Chasetown, is building 48 family homes at its Austen Grange development in the village and has donated the money to the £60,000 appeal.

Kate Townsend, one of the mothers leading the fundraising, said: "We thought it was about time we had better and more exciting play facilities."

A crowdfunding page has been set up to raise money. Go to [www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com)

● Cameron Homes has built its first housing scheme in its 'hometown'. The firm has regenerated a prominent location near its head office in High Street, Chasetown. The site was used by the Collis furniture store and a former Victorian chapel.



From left, Danielle Goffe-Wood of Cameron Homes with mothers Sarah Butler, Liz Pratt and Kate Townsend

# Cancer fight ex-miner in plea on workmates

**A FORMER coal miner who has lung cancer caused by asbestos is appealing for help from people who worked at Hednesford's Valley Colliery in the early 1970s.**

Kenneth Gofton, aged 65, was diagnosed with mesothelioma in April 2017. He was exposed to asbestos while working for the National Coal Board as an apprentice during the 1972 miners' strike.

Apprentices were not allowed to strike so they were directed to do manual work, removing asbestos lagging from the pithead baths and corrugated asbestos roofing from a bike shed.

The work was carried out to make way for a new mines rescue station, which was originally based in nearby



Kenneth Gofton in his younger days

Victoria Street. The father of three would now like to hear from ex-miners and anyone with knowledge of the asbestos used within the pithead baths.

In particular, the memories of ap-

prentices or trainees from surrounding mines – Littleton, Lea Hall or West Cannock – who were sent to the Valley Colliery site during the 1972 strike are being sought. Nowadays the Museum of Cannock Chase stands on the site.

It is hoped any information could help Mr Gofton make an industrial disease compensation claim to secure his future care and treatment, and provide for his wife Sheila. "I'm determined that I will make the most of the weeks and months ahead," he said.

Mr Gofton moved to Handsacre with his parents in 1970 at the age of 15. He stayed in the region for more than four decades before retiring to West Wales.

Anyone who can help can call Craig Howell of Birchall Blackburn Law on 01244 684475 or Jan Garvey. National Asbestos Helpline, on 0800 043 6635.

**Breweries win deal with Co-op**

FOUR breweries in Staffordshire are raising a glass to the news their products are being stocked by a major retailer in 20 local stores.

Central England Co-op has linked up with Freedom Brewery, Titanic Brewery, Lymestone Brewery and Staffordshire Brewery to sell a selection of their locally brewed real ales in selected stores.

Freedom Brewery, of Abbots Bromley, has been creating ales since 1995 now operates from a state-of-the-art site in the countryside.

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# Clive joins heroes taking part in Invictus Games



Clive Smith looks forward to the Games

**A SOLDIER** who was honoured by having a Hednesford street named after him has been chosen to take part in this year's Invictus Games.

Clive Smith, who is originally from Hednesford, is one of a number of inspirational war heroes from the West Midlands region who will be competing.

The tournament is an international adaptive multi-sport event, created by Prince Harry, in which wounded, injured or sick armed services personnel and their associated veterans take part in sports.

The team of 72 competitors selected to represent the UK at this year's competition in Sydney was unveiled last week at Horse Guards Parade.

The group came together for the first time since selection at the iconic London venue and were joined by Prime Minister Theresa May, who wished them luck for the Games in October.

Clive lost both of his legs above the knee in a blast in Afghanistan in 2010 when attempting to defuse a bomb which exploded.

He remortgaged his home in 2015 to pay for the £90,000 medical procedure to allow him to walk with bionic legs.

This will be the third Invictus games for Clive, who plays wheelchair rugby and now lives in Walsall.

Clive has also featured as the face of the Royal British Legion's National Poppy Appeal.

He said: "I have fantastic support at home - my wife enables me in every day life to live it to the maximum."

"She ensures I can put full focus into my passions and challenges." Also taking part is Karl Hinett, from Tipton in the Black Country, who will compete in athletics.

He suffered severe burns in a petrol-bomb attack in Basra, Iraq, in 2005 when his Warrior tank was petrol bombed during a rescue operation. The attack left Karl with 37 per cent burns all over his body and face. He was 18 at the time.

They will be joined by Dave Watson, from Halesowen near Dudley. He will compete in archery, athletics and rowing. Dave was in Afghanistan in 2010 when he stepped onto an explosive device. He lost both legs and his right forearm.

He said: "Sydney 2018 is a chance to prove that there is no limit and that being an amputee is not the end of my sporting journey."

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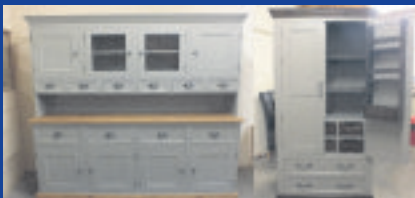
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# Daniel's 24-hour cycling fundraiser for youngster



Daniel is hoping to raise £1,300 with his 24-hour bike ride on Cannock Chase

**A CYCLIST is saddling up for a 24-hour bike ride on Cannock Chase to help a young girl who suffers from several serious health conditions.**

Daniel Phillips, 31, from Stafford, will take part in the challenge on June 2 and 3, to help raise funds to support six-year-old Lyla Blakeman.

Lyla suffered a stroke followed by a haemorrhage while still in her mother's womb and has now been diagnosed with severe brain damage, among other conditions.

Daniel is hoping to raise £1,300 to help buy a custom-made postural support chair and a pressure relieving mattress for Lyla.

He said: "She can't move her limbs, she can't feed herself.

"My original target was to raise £500 which was the cost of the chair.

"We raised that within a week, so we decided to try and buy her a pressure relieving mattress too, to stop bed sores, which cost around £800 – so my target is up to £1,300.

"I've worked out if I do 24 laps during the 24 hours, I'll have done 150 miles.

"The Chase Cycle Shop will be supporting me by donating lights for my bike for the overnight parts and I will also be supported throughout by Stafford United Football Club.

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## Cheques are handed over to charities

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THE March meeting began with the presentation of cheques totalling £2,400.

These were presented by chairman Vicky Jones and were results of the guild's annual charities fund for 2017/18.

The first was a cheque for £400 presented to Joan Fox representing the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Two cheques followed, one of £1,600 and one for £400, handed to Sharon Braacx representing the Alzheimers Cafe.

The £1,600 was raised by the guild's craft group, a very hard working and talented group of ladies, selling a large range of their hand-crafted goods at many craft fairs around the area.

Following the presentations the meeting continued with business for the month with a lot to be discussed as the previous meeting was cancelled due to bad weather.

The monthly business was dealt with first and the AGM followed.

The main focus of this was the change of officers as both the chairman and secretary were standing down. Current chairman Vicky Jones was thanked for her many years of invaluable work undertaken on behalf of the guild and was presented with a gardening voucher. New chairman Sharon Brown was welcomed into the position. Retiring secretary Ann Young was also thanked for all her hard work and presented with flowers.

## International link-up celebrates 36 years



Cannock Rotary Club president Cliff Shore and president-elect David Gardiner with representatives from the German and French Rotary Clubs

ROTARY Clubs from Cannock, Bad Kreuznach-Nahetal in Germany and Brie Pont, France celebrated 36 years of their association by meeting up together in the German area of Rhineland-Palatinate.

The link between the three clubs was officially recognised in Cannock in 1982. Since then the annual meetings have been held in each country on a rotation basis.

The visit started with a welcome reception. The following day members visited the historic city of Heidelberg, with a tour of the castle and a boat trip along the river Neckar followed by a traditional German meal.

A day later group of Rotarians representing the three clubs visited the Mayor of

### Rotary Club of Cannock

Bad-Kreuznach and unveiled a book lending kiosk. Each club president was presented with a commemorative city plaque. There was also a visit to a stone sculpture museum and park established by sculptors Anna Kubach-Wilmsen and Wolfgang Kubach. The visit concluded with a picnic lunch with local wine from the nearby vineyards.

The weekend included a Gala Evening attended by more than 60 people; with a spectacular cabaret by the 'Printengarde drum and horn band'.

## Dog days over for animal sitter

THE April meeting was addressed by Chrissy Whereat, animal sitter.

Having retired at 60 and, with a love of animals, she began a new career staying in homes across country to care for people's pets while their owners were away.

WI members had a busy

### Ridwares WI

month, including a 70th birthday party at The Conservatory at Curborough, attended by members from Blythe Group WIs and the county's chairman and treasurer. Brenda Grimley

produced a birthday cake cut by county guests and four ladies who celebrated turning 70 in 2018. President Karen Wakefield was presented with the NFWI 70th birthday certificate.

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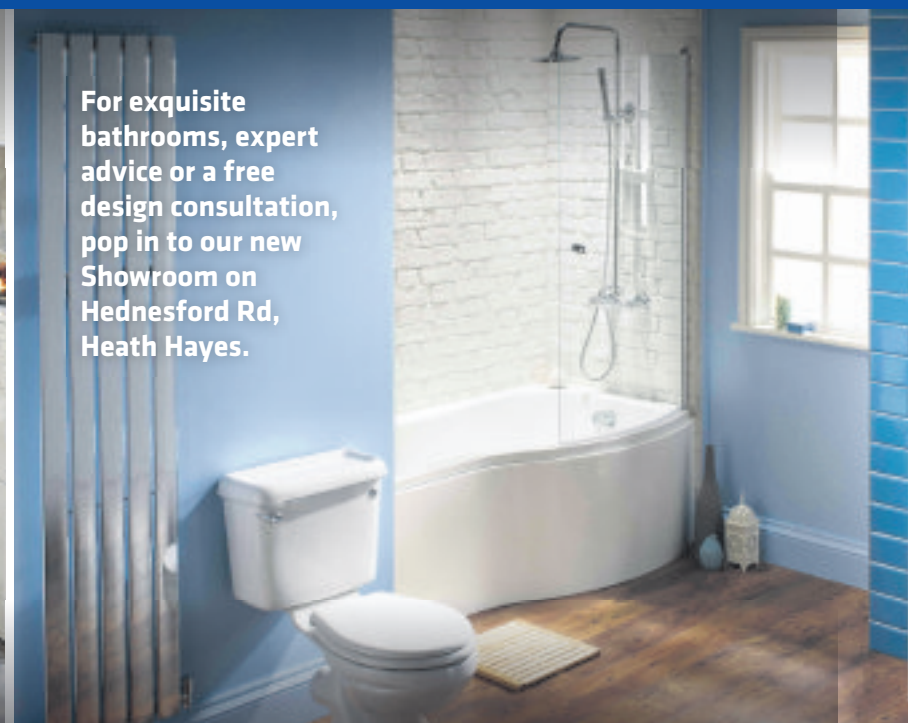
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# Authentic feel to Scottish Play cast

Report by Charlotte Callear  
newsdesk@expressandstar.co.uk

**THE cast for this summer's Stafford Shakespeare Festival production has been revealed.**

Macbeth is this year's offering and will be staged at Stafford Castle from June 28 to July 14.

Taking the title role will be an actor of Scottish heritage, Nabil Stuart, who has appeared in Hollyoaks.

He has starred in a host of acclaimed productions, including Black Watch at the National Theatre Scotland, which won five Olivier awards.

Rosie Hilal will play Lady Macbeth who appeared in the National National Theatre artistic director Rufus Norris' recent art film, London Road.

## Parkour

Daniel Cahill and Scottish actress Ceri-Lyn Cissone, a Michael Bryant award finalist, will play Macduff and Lady Macduff. Daniel, who has previously worked with National Theatre Scotland, is trained in martial arts and parkour, a discipline that developed from military obstacle course training.

The three witches will be played by Sian Mannifield, Nicola Jo Cully and Mairi Hawthorn. Nicola is known for TV shows including Doctors, Taggart and Casualty, while Mairi recently appeared in Game of Thrones.

Howard Chadwick, who played Brabantio in the 2016 performance of Othello, and Morgan Philpot, who played Antonio in The Tempest last year, return this summer as Seyton/The Porter and Banquo respectively. King Duncan will be played by Greg



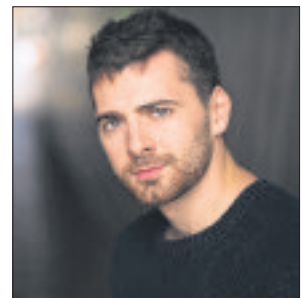
Nabil Stuart takes on the lead role



Lady Macbeth played by Rosie Hilal



Ceri-Lyn Cissone is Lady Macduff



Daniel Cahill will play Macduff

Powrie, with his sons Malcolm and Donalbain played by Samuel Pashby and Blair Kincaid respectively.

Ewan Somers as Ross, David Colvin as Siward and Mathew Tomlinson as Angus make up the cast. Stafford Festival Shakespeare spokesman, Thomas Waldron, said: "What an incredible

cast we have lined up for this truly medieval production of The Scottish Play. Indeed, we have tried to keep it very authentic this year and have sought to cast Scottish actors for many of the roles."

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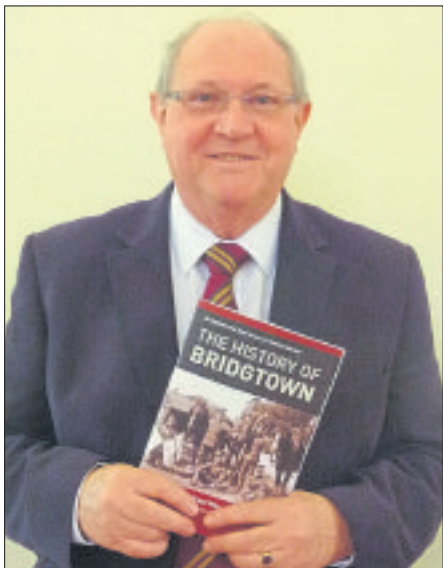
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John Devey with the first of the series of books being published by Bridgtown and District Local History Society

BRIDGTOWN and District Local History Society have launched the first book in a series of six that will tell the history of the area from before the creation of the village in 1861 to the present day.

The books are not being published in order, and will be completed by 2020.

Volume three – The Great War – is the first to be published. Each chapter covers the five years of the conflict, with special reference to the contribution of the villagers who fought with great distinction for their country.

The other chapters cover the fallen on the War Memorial, service record by street of the individuals involved, and the peace celebrations.

The book cost £6 and copies are available from the author John Devey on 01922 412008, Derrick Middleton on 01543 277268 and David Williams on 01889 802534 or by emailing [bridgtownhistory@hotmail.com](mailto:bridgtownhistory@hotmail.com)

# Claimants increase but jobless total falls

THE number of people in work has risen again. However, the numbers claiming Jobseeker's Allowance in Staffordshire has also increased.

Stafford recorded 50 more claimants at 850, while the county as a whole saw a rise of 120 to 7,115 – equivalent to 1.3 per cent of the working population.

Lichfield's figure was up 85 at 755 (1.2 per cent), South Staffordshire rose by 70 to 950 (1.4 per cent) and Cannock Chase had an increase of 15 to 930 (1.5 per cent). For the West Midlands region, the claimants total was up 4,180 to 99,795 – 2.8 per cent of the working population.

But while the number of claimants rose, both across the region and nationally, unemployment figures across the West Midlands in the three months to March fell again.

The jobless total for the region was down 14,000 on the previous quarter at 139,000 with the fall over the course of a year 21,000. Employment was up 57,000 to 2.74 million, according to the Office for National

By John Corser

Statistics (ONS). Nationally the number of people in work reached a new record. It was up by 197,000 in the quarter to 32.3 million – the highest figure since records began in 1971 – giving a record employment rate of 75.6 per cent.

"Unemployment fell by 46,000 to 1.42 million, giving a jobless rate of 4.2 per cent – the lowest since 1975.

Senior ONS statistician Matt Hughes said: "With employment up again in the three months to March, the rate has hit a new record, with unemployment remaining at its lowest rate since 1975. Growth in pay remains in line with inflation, meaning real earnings are flat on the year."

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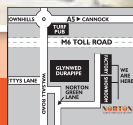
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# Remembering all we hold dear – Charles

**'WE are remembering not only what we have all lost, but also what we all hold most dear'.**

Those were the words of Prince Charles as he unveiled a permanent national memorial to British victims of overseas terrorism.

The Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall attended the National Memorial Arboretum on Thursday to officially dedicate the memorial.

Among those present were Suzy Evans and her son Owen, who lost three family members in the Tunisia terror attack in 2015.

Suzy lost her son Joel – Owen's brother – as well as her brother Adrian Evans and father Patrick Evans in the attack, which Owen survived.

## Beloved

She described the ceremony as 'beautiful'. Charles said in his speech: "So many of you here have endured the most appalling loss at the hands of those whose brutal and twisted ambitions so cruelly cut short the lives of the people you love."

"Having lost my own beloved great uncle Lord Mountbatten, together with one of my godsons when they were murdered by terrorists in 1979, I believe I may just perhaps understand something of the grief and intense despair that you will each have known."

"There are no words, however heartfelt, that can heal your wounds and no memorial that can bring your loved ones back."

"And yet it is more than grief that brings us all here today and more than pain that unites us."

"In dedicating this memorial to the memory of those who have been killed in such monstrous acts of terrorism overseas we are remembering not only what we have all lost but also what we all hold most dear."



The Prince of Wales delivers his speech at the National Memorial Arboretum



The Duchess of Cornwall meets families affected by overseas terrorism



The dedication service for the memorial Pictures: Paul Ellis/PA Wire

Defence Minister Tobias Ellwood MP, whose brother was killed in the Bali bombings of 2002, said it was a 'true honour' to be at the service.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev Justin Welby, led the ceremony to dedicate the memorial, while Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson and Home Secretary Sajid Javid also at-

tended. The memorial's design, as an elliptical-shaped pool surrounded by woodland, was selected by an independent panel, in consultation with victims' relatives, in 2017.

It has no dominating symbolism but was chosen as it reflected the global reach of terrorism and the continuation of life.

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## £5m flood scheme picks up award

A SCHEME to protect more than 270 homes and businesses in Rugeley from flooding has won an engineering award.

The Environment Agency project, which included creating space for more sports pitches, landed the Institution of Civil Engineers West Midlands sustainability award.

Under the £5.2 million scheme, the flood defences have been designed to allow HGVs bringing the Charter Fair to the town to be able to still access the site. Meanwhile,

measures are now in place to sustain and enhance a healthy population of endangered native white-claw crayfish.

A collapsed footbridge on the Cannock Chase Heritage Trail has also been rebuilt.

The scheme will help to reduce the risk of flooding from the Rising Brook for 114 residential and 159 commercial properties. The Environment Agency's Will Groves said: "It's wonderful to see the Rugeley scheme recognised by this prestigious award."



All action – Hayley Dorrington, second from right, from Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, with, from left, British Gypsum employees Marie Prince, Ross Collin, Jacqui Lanchester, Pete Kavanagh, Roy Ingley and Jeremy Elvins

## Helpers in action to protect haven

WORKERS from a Midland manufacturing company took part in an 'action day' at Gentleshaw Common.

As part of British Gypsum's commitment to the environment, employees from the firm's mine at Fauld near Burton helped with scrub control at the wildlife haven.

The Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) is looked after by Staffordshire Wildlife Trust and is home to many species of birds, bees and wasps, as well as plants including bog asphodel, heather and fly-catching carnivorous sundew.

The action day involved a group of six British Gypsum workers cutting down oak and silver birch saplings.

Hayley Dorrington, southern heathland reserves warden for the trust, said: "The group was fantastic and very efficient. A

very large area of saplings was removed revealing the heathland species below." Given time, the saplings would continue to grow, resulting in large areas of lowland heathland being lost and replaced by woodland.

Marie Prince, British Gypsum's safety, health, environment and quality coordinator at Fauld, and part of the volunteering group said: "We work with many wildlife trusts around the country."

"We really enjoyed seeing the work of the Staffordshire group first-hand and making a real impact on the day."

A volunteer group meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month, with each work party taking place between 10.30am and 3pm.

To book a place or for more information, contact Hayley Dorrington at Staffordshire Wildlife Trust on 01384 221798 or email h.dorrington@staffs-wildlife.org.uk

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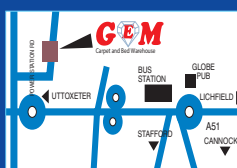
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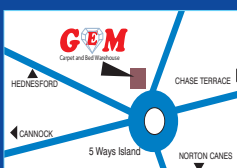


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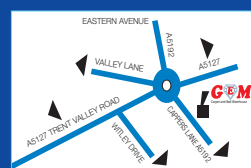


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## Ex-Bake Off stars at food festival

FORMER Great British Bake Off stars will appear at a Great British food festival in Staffordshire this bank holiday weekend. The event will take place at Weston Park on May 26, 27 and 28.

More than 75 traders including artisan food producers and street food vendors will be there. As well as food and drink stalls, there will be local bands, chef demonstrations, man v food competitions and a bake stage.

Dan Maycock, one of the event's organisers, said: "We have got a great mix of local produce and best of British. On the hot food front you will be able to try anything from traditional hog roast to Mexican and Thai dishes."

The Chef Demo stage hosts a headline name for each day, with ex Great British Bake Off Stars, Francis Quinn, Julia Chernogorova and Master Chef star Lindsay Evans all hosting demonstrations over the weekend.

# Successful slimmers show support for cancer charity

**SLIMMING club members who meet in Hednesford and Stafford have boosted a charity close to their hearts.**

In three weeks, more than 1,000 bras were donated at Weight Watchers meetings in the two towns for Against Breast Cancer.

For every tonne of bras collected, the charity receives £700 to fund its research.

Coach mentor Amy Blount said the bras also help to support small

businesses in Africa through Against Breast Cancer's textile recovery project which prevents them going into landfill.

They are given a new lease of life in developing countries such as Togo, Ghana and Kenya, where bras remain too expensive to produce locally.

Successful ventures like this keep many families in developing countries out of poverty while providing employment for people at home in the UK, Amy added. Any bras that

are genuinely beyond redemption are dismantled and disposed of properly.

Amy said: "As our female members drop dress sizes, they also need to purchase new underwear."

"Our members love giving things back to others less fortunate."

"So far, members have passed over 1,000 bras on to the charity which are sent to Third World countries."

"When we get 19,000, the UK breast cancer charity receives £1,000 so the 'support' is two fold."

## E&S photographer Tim is honoured

THE Express & Star's chief photographer has been recognised at a top industry awards ceremony. Tim Thursfield was highly commended in the Daily/Sunday photographer of the year category at the Regional Press Awards.

One of the images Tim entered was a portrait of Theresa May. He said: "To be highly commended in a competition with so many strong photographers and entries throughout the country is an honour. It's great that in an age of mobile phone photography, the skill and ability of professional photographers is still recognised as a talent."

Simon Hill, who is group head of editorial art for the Express & Star's publisher Midland News Association, which also publishes the Chronicle series, was nominated in the designer of the year category.

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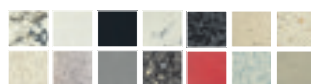
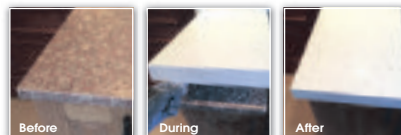
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# Memory Café is chosen as chairman's charity

THE new chairman and vice-chairman of Lichfield District Council have been sworn in at the annual council meeting.

Councillor Bob Awty is the new chairman, and Councillor Mrs Norma Bacon is vic-chairman.

As the chairman, Councillor Awty will represent the district at a wide range of functions across the region, including royal visits, community and charity events and formal openings. He will also chair council meetings and work throughout the year to raise money for charity.

He said: "As a proud Lichfieldian, having been born here and lived here for nearly all of my life, I am delighted to take on the role of chairman."

"Lichfield district is growing and



Bob Awty



Norma Bacon

progressing all the time. I love its history and tradition and I look forward to championing and promoting the district and all we have to offer at the many events that I will attend throughout the year."

The chairman's charity is Lichfield Memory Café, a new initiative that offers a weekly café at the Methodist

Church in Tamworth Street every Thursday between 10am and midday, for people living with dementia and their carers to meet, make friends, reminisce and stimulate their memory.

Over the year the chairman will keep an online blog at [www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/chairmansblog](http://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/chairmansblog)

## Kindness

Councillor Awty took over the role of chairman from Councillor Mark Warfield, who said: "The past year has flown by and has been wonderful."

"As chairman I had the opportunity to raise funds for the Lichfield & District Talking Newspaper, which included a hosting a fantastic civic lunch at Qmin for the charity."

"I'd like to thank everyone for their support and kindness to me over the last year – it has been a privilege."

## Fatal crash rider, 52, is named

A MOTORCYCLIST who died after a collision on the A5 has been named as Michael Nicholls.

The 52-year-old, from Wolverhampton, died at the scene of the crash on the west-bound carriageway between Wall Island and Muckley Corner, near Burntwood.

The road was closed for a number of hours from 8.15pm last Tuesday while emergency services dealt with the incident.

His family have asked for their privacy to be respected while officers from Staffordshire Police's Collision Investigation Unit are continuing to investigate. Police have appealed for anyone with any information to come forward.



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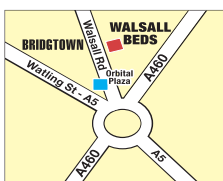
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# Joined up healthcare to tackle inequality

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The scheme is called Walsall Together and the new arrangements will be introduced next year and cover adult community mental health, adult community health, adult social care and some hospital care for people with chronic conditions.

Paul Tulley, of Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group, said: "One of the challenges we face is meeting the high demand for care from an ageing population at a time of financial pressures. We want to see providers working closer together under a governance where one takes the lead role. I hope this will improve care for the patient."

Mr Tulley said there were no initial savings from the plan, which will see other

By Alex Ross

services brought into the partnership over the next three years. But he added work on bringing together health services in the borough had already started.

Within these areas, community teams have been brought together, where possible, in areas such as Darlaston Health Centre in the west, where adult social care staff are now based alongside the area's community nursing teams.

The move to localise healthcare comes on the back of an inequality study, which found life expectancy was 11 years lower for men and six years lower for women when comparing the most deprived and least deprived areas of the borough.

## Ken thanks hospice with raffle appeal



**Ken Hood with a picture of him and his wife – 'the support provided by St Giles was invaluable'**

A MAN who lost his wife to cancer is urging people to buy a raffle ticket to support a local cause close to his heart.

For Ken Hood, from Lichfield, the loss of his wife Maureen to cancer, months after she was diagnosed, was devastating. She was supported by the team at St Giles Hospice, and now Mr Hood is urging people to support the hospice through this year's Summer Raffle.

He said: "I nursed Maureen in her final weeks, and the support provided by St Giles during those last weeks and following Maureen's death was invaluable."

"The nursing team looked after Maureen so well when she stayed in the hospice and, when she decided that she wanted to go home, our community nurse did everything he could to help us get her there."

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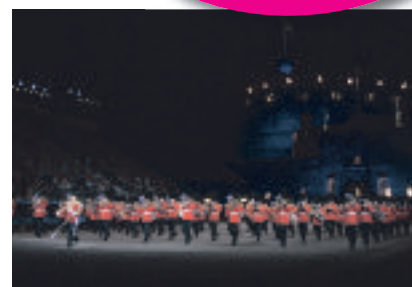
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# Celebrate wine week — by raising a glass at Optiplan



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Optiplan Kitchens in Lichfield is inviting locals to a special Cheese and Wine Open Day from 10am on Monday, May 28 to celebrate the start of English Wine Week.

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# Bailiffs brought in to round up stray horses

**BAILIFFS** are being brought in to tackle horses roaming free in the streets, it has been announced.

Wolverhampton City Council is the latest authority in the region to bring in a firm to clear roads and open spaces of tethered and stray horses.

The council will use Bridgnorth-based Equine Emergency Services on a temporary basis to try to get a grip on illegal 'fly-grazing'. The firm, already used by Dudley and Sandwell councils, charges owners £400 to reclaim their animals.

Danielle Taylor, from the Wolverhampton authority, said: "We are looking to appoint this position to control illegal fly-grazing and associated nuisance with irresponsible horse ownership in Wolverhampton."

The issue of illegal fly-grazing in the Black Country was raised in Parliament by Pat McFadden, MP for Wolverhampton South East, four years ago.

## Laws

He claimed horses were being found dead tethered to posts, or were left in such bad condition they had to be put down.

He said laws should be simplified for councils to remove the animals.

Welcoming the council's move, he said: "There has been a long-term problem of fly-grazing of horses in some parts of the Black Country."

"It is often difficult to know who the horse belongs to and difficult to track the owner down when there is a problem."

"It is a good idea that the council takes action to be able to remove these horses when there is a problem."

"It also puts an onus on owners to come forward and exercise responsibility."

The British Horse Society said the 'consistent action' of councils across the Black Country meant owners could not escape enforcement.

## Reflecting on gallows era



Lichfield's mayor, Councillor Janice Greaves, with Peter Buck and Christine Bull of the canal trust at the launch of the Garden of Reflection project

LICHFIELD'S canal trust has launched a project to recreate the city's historic Gallows Wharf, incorporating planting areas in a Garden of Reflection.

The garden will become part of Blooming Lichfield's entry for Britain in Bloom. Gallows Wharf, near the junction of London Road and Tamworth Road, is on the route of the Lichfield Canal, which is being restored by Lichfield and Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust.

It is close to the site of the city's

gallows, originally erected in 1532, where on June 1, 1810, the last three men to be hanged in Lichfield met their fate.

Lichfield's mayor, Councillor Janice Greaves, launched the Garden of Reflection project by unveiling a bench set in a small planted area and planting an oak tree.

The trust's engineering director Peter Buck said that on the opposite side of the canal a garden representing the original wharf will be made ready for Britain in Bloom.

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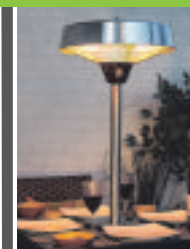
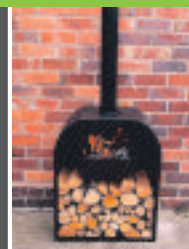
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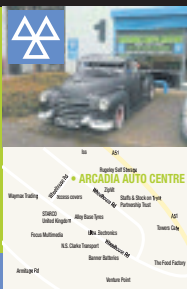
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# Hair stylist reveals Duchess was 'calm and chatty' before wedding

The Duchess of Sussex was a calm and chatty bride with no signs of nerves on her wedding morning, according to her hair stylist. Serge Normant said it was "dreamy" to work with Meghan, creating a bun that was "messy in a controlled way".

Describing her demeanour on Saturday morning, he said: "She was calm, yeah. Chatty, absolutely. We were definitely having exchanges,

yeah for sure. She was very happy. It was a beautiful morning, just the perfect morning to get married." Asked if she had shown any signs of nerves, the Paris-born hairdresser said: "No, I don't think so, she was just very happy, very happy, very excited."

Mr Normant, who flew from his New York base especially to style Meghan's hair, said he had spoken with the newly-married couple after

the wedding, describing Meghan as "thrilled" and Harry as "fantastic". He said: "She was thrilled, yeah she was very happy." On Harry, he added: "He's Prince Harry, he's fantastic."

The Queen was seen being driven back to Windsor Castle soon after the morning service at the Royal Chapel of All Saints in Windsor Great Park had finished. As a few Windsor Farm shop regulars watched on.

# Meghan dons Diana's ring



Harry gave his wife a poignant gift – an emerald-cut aquamarine ring that belonged to his mother, Diana

It was a touching gesture that showed Harry's mother was never far from his thoughts.

The new Duke of Sussex gave his wife a poignant wedding-day gift – an emerald-cut aquamarine ring that belonged to Diana, Princess of Wales.

The ring was designed and made in 1997 by Asprey.

Princess Diana was pictured wearing the ring at a private viewing of the Christie's auction of her dresses in 1997. Unlike Meghan, who wears it alone, Diana wore it with a diamond

### Report by David Banner [newsdesk@expressandstar.co.uk](mailto:newsdesk@expressandstar.co.uk)

eternity band. She was also pictured wearing it with a matching bracelet during a visit to Sydney in 1996.

The bracelet features a larger emerald-cut aquamarine, clasped between six rows of pearls.

The gift was another way for the Duke to involve his mother in the couple's celebrations.

Ms Markle's engagement ring features two diamonds taken from jewellery that belonged to Diana. They

flank the central stone, which was sourced from Botswana.

The Prince designed the engagement ring himself and had it made by court jeweller Cleave and Company.

When the couple got engaged, he said incorporating Diana's diamonds was his way to make sure "she's with us on this crazy journey".

Ms Markle's wedding gown was quite unlike the voluminous puffed-sleeved style worn by Diana. But the Duchess' evening dress drew comparisons to the late Princess.

# Charles' 70th birthday celebrations on the agenda for newlyweds

It was back to business for the Royal Family this week.

The official royal Twitter account released a statement, saying: "Thank you to everyone who came to Windsor and those who followed from around the UK, the Commonwealth, and the world today. "Congratulations once again to the newly-married Duke and Duchess of Sussex. #royalwedding." The celebrations culminated

in a black-tie wedding dinner staged at Frogmore House and hosted by Charles for 200 of the couple's closest friends and family. But Meghan has spoken of her desire to "hit the ground running" as she becomes a royal and there will be no immediate honeymoon.

On Tuesday the couple joined Charles and Camilla on the lawns of Buckingham Palace for a Prince of

Wales 70th Birthday Patronage Celebration. The outdoor event marked the heir to the throne's milestone birthday, which falls in November, by recognising Charles' patronages and military affiliations as well as others involved in charities supported by the royal. The Duke and Duchess of Sussex, the couple will remain in the UK for a period before taking the traditional post-wedding break.





The happy newlyweds Prince Harry and Meghan Markle rode through Windsor to greet the thousands



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# The next chapter starts in love tale

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Word is that they met in the time honoured way – on a blind date. With Meghan getting a report back from a friend who had met Prince Harry.

And according to one of those in the know, after Meghan had listened to a list of princely attributes, charity work, Army achievements, royal duties and so on, all delivered admirably, she simply asked: "Yes but is he nice?"

Just a few words but they spoke volumes. And now we know. Because it seemed according to some, not much more than one momentous year since love came in and got their world spinning, clearly Harry was more than nice enough for the lady who has just become his wife.

And so, a new day has dawned for a thoroughly nice and very much in-love prince and his stunning bride.

Ever since we first saw them out and about as a couple there seemed no real doubt that this was a relationship which mattered.

Since then the whirlwind romance has been front page day after day.



The loved up pair



Perton Academy held their very own mock wedding



Olga Groves, 90, at Bush Home, Darlaston



Jacqui Ryan, Everyl Geddes and Julie Harding in William Green Road

# Party time on the streets

Report by Luke Bartlett  
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## ROYAL fever gripped our region as Prince Harry sealed his fairytale romance to Meghan Markle on Saturday.

From village green get-togethers in the Staffordshire sun to an afternoon tea party at a Black Country care home, people from all over took part in the celebrations.

Among those involved with the Royal Wedding celebrations was Naomi Williams, of Wednesbury, whose fiancée, Gary Harding, was on duty in Windsor with the Irish Guards at the wedding. Ms Williams was back home enjoying a street party in William Green Road, Wednesbury, where residents met up to celebrate – waving flags and toasting the couple's special day.

Wolverhampton's Berrybrook Primary School held their own mock wedding between Head Boy and Head Girl, while over in Hixon, near Stafford, volunteers enjoyed watching the big day during an outdoor party on the village green. Abbey Lodge care home in Wolverhampton saw 100-year-old Doris Sully and Jean Spencer, aged 94, enjoy the occasion. Almost 100 people also turned up to a street party organised by David Austwick, aged 67, and his wife Valerie in Fancourt Avenue, Penn, Wolverhampton, on Saturday.



Naomi Williams, of Wednesbury, celebrates. Her fiancée, Gary Harding, was on duty in Windsor with the Irish Guards

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# Light Up for return of indie superstars

Indie superstars Snow Patrol return with their first album in seven years, released tomorrow (Friday).

Wildness finds the band searching for clarity, connection, and meaning, while staying true to the melodic songwriting prowess that brought them to prominence.

It taps into something raw and primitive and lead-singer and songwriter Gary Lightbody is happy to be back.

"There are many types of wildness, but I think it can be distilled into two: the wildness of the modern age, all its confusion, illogic and alienation and a more ancient wildness. Something primal, alive and beautiful that speaks to our true connectivity, our passion, our love, our communion with nature and each other. This is the kind of wildness the album is centered around. The loss of it. Trying to reconnect with it. To remember it."

Since their 1998 debut, Songs for Polarbears, Snow Patrol have racked up an impressive number of critical and commercial accolades, including 15 million global album sales, one billion global track streams, five UK platinum albums, and are Grammy, Brit Award and Mercury Music Prize nominated.

After their Fallen Empires tour ended in 2012, band members Gary multi-instrumentalist Johnny McDaid, guitarist Nathan Connolly, bassist Paul Wilson, and drummer Jonny Quinn decided to take a step back from the band, and focus on their own projects.

Gary continued his work with his Tired Pony side project with members of Belle and Sebastian, R.E.M., Reindeer Section and Fresh Young Fellows and moved to Los Angeles to begin writing songs for movies (including "This Is How You Walk On" for 2017's Gifted), and doing a number of high-profile co-writes with Ed Sheeran, Taylor Swift, Biffy Clyro and One Direction. Taking an extended break from Snow Patrol proved to be a source of inspiration, and writing songs that were not pulled directly from his own psyche helped heal what Lightbody considered to be not so much writer's block as life block.

## CLARITY

It was in that search for clarity and connection that the songs were written and refined. "I think it's the first record I've ever written that I haven't just asked a bunch of questions."

"I actually tried to figure out why I was unhappy, why I feel out of place, why I'm afraid," says Gary.

"There's nothing really to protect myself from – it's all in the album. I want to remember." This impulse was partially inspired by Lightbody's father, who is suffering from dementia. "I think the album is defined by memory in a lot of ways," says Gary, "including my father's loss of memory."

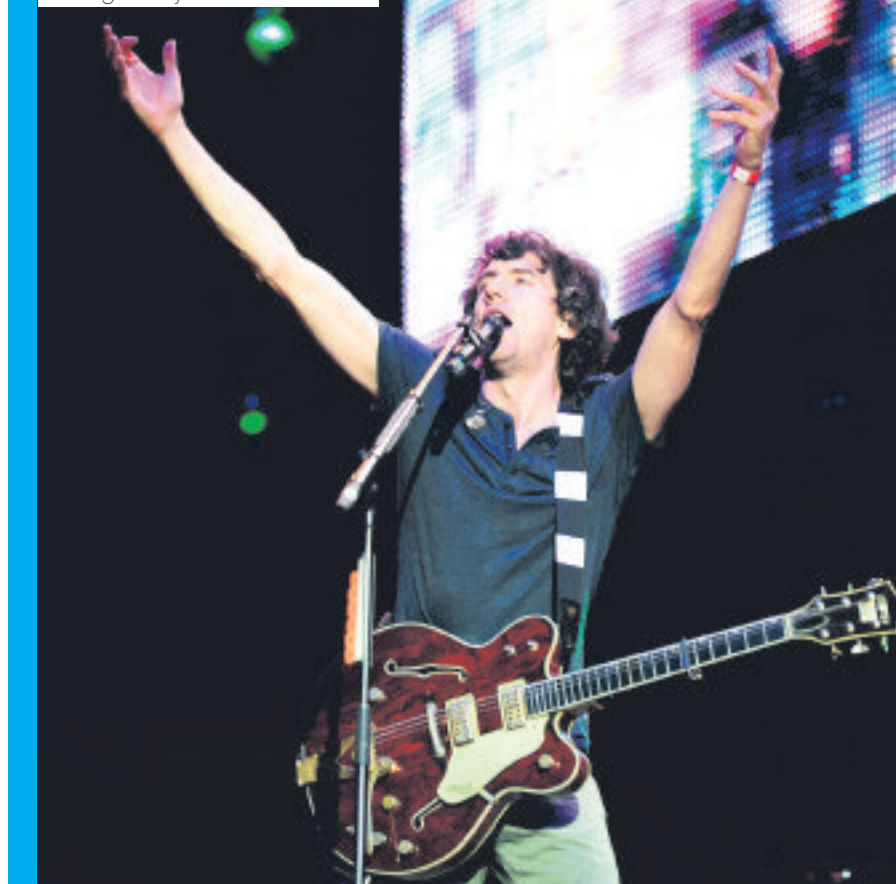
Guitarist Nathan adds: "We finished touring Fallen Empires and did our last festival in 2013 and we decided at that stage that we needed to take a break. We had been going for 10 years non-stop. It was a great 10 years but we'd been together longer and it was hard. It was record, tour, record, tour and we were away a long time."

"A couple of years ago we decided to get back at it. Wildness wasn't a difficult album to make once we were in there. I know Gary had a little writers' block and he had stuff going on and depression, which he's been open about, and alcohol, which is for him to speak about. There were distractions for want of a better word, good and bad, to keep us away from the band. But last year was when we decided it was 100% in the right head space. We were excited and keen. I never thought we wouldn't get back together but we didn't know it would be five years."

"We weren't sipping cocktails on a beach. The longer it takes to make a record the better it has to be when you are coming back. We wanted it to be the best record we could make and it's way beyond what we'd hoped for."

The songs on Wildness are surefooted, displaying a newfound sense of self and purpose, and the rest of the band members rose magnificently to the occasion. The album is produced once more by the great Jackknife Lee, Snow Patrol's longtime producer and collaborator. Life on Earth opens the album with its mission statement, "this

Gary Lightbody of Snow Patrol on stage in Hyde Park in 2012.



is something else, this is something else." Heal Me feels like an ancient hymn: "Finally, after way too many years of smashing my body to bits with booze, I met someone who helped me find my way back to health and clarity," says Gary. "This song is about her, that journey and is dedicated to her."

Empress, written for Gary's goddaughters, is fierce and heartfelt, with runaway drums and keen words of wisdom. What If This Is All The Love You Ever Get" is a heartstring-puller, posing the question nobody wants to ask.

The last track, Life and Death, is a rumination, and a human story of love and forgiveness – mostly self-forgiveness for Gary, demonstrating that perhaps everyone ought to take this long between albums to reflect before they write.

"Seamus Heaney, my favourite poet of all time, said at 71 that he was only discovering what some of his poetry means, and this is coming from a Nobel Prize-winning poet. It's a great testament to inspiration," says Gary. "Sometimes it takes you five years to write the thing. Like now. And you know for sure when you finish an album like that, where you've poured over every detail and put every atom of yourself into it, everything makes sense and I bet you I'm never not proud of this record."

Wildness has given Snow Patrol the chance to reconnect with their fans and move forward after five years away.

Nathan adds: "It's good to be back. We were always in touch. We're family. We're brothers, so it wasn't like we didn't see each other at all, quite the opposite."

*It's good to be back. We were always in touch. We're family*

"It's great to be able to do that outside of the band because that's our connection, that's who we are. We were all supportive of each other's activities."

"The record and the band kind of happens naturally, which is the best thing. At some point, somebody, usually Gary, has some songs he's comfortable or excited about and we all get back together."

Snow Patrol play BBC's Biggest Weekend in Coventry on Sunday.

Andy Richardson

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Stomp cast in action



## You can't beat Stomp, it's got the rhythm of life

THE UNSTOPPABLE smash-hit Stomp is back at Birmingham's Hippodrome from Tuesday until June 2.

Stomp takes familiar objects like newspapers, bins, plastic bags and even the kitchen sink and uses them to create a universal language of rhythm and movement that's exploding with energy.

Stomp has been touring the globe for 27 years with more than 30,000 performances to more than 15 million people in 53 countries. There are four Stomp companies performing at any one time, in New York and on tour in Europe, America and currently in Australia.

Hippodrome spokeswoman Kate Evans says: "It's fresher, faster and funnier than ever. From its humble

beginnings in Brighton in 1991, Stomp has grown into a global phenomenon that will set your toes tapping and your pulse racing. Stomp combines dance, comedy and music into an experience like no other."

Stomp creator Luke Cresswell says: "I think Stomp brings out the drummer in all of us. Rhythm is a language that we use everyday without ever realising. Stomp reminds us of that. Another strong aspect of the show is humour – these two elements can be a very compelling combination."

Co-creator and co-director Steve McNicholas adds: "The performers bring their own personalities to the show. So as the cast changes over the years, so does the show. They all devise their own solos, all create their own costumes, so the show changes organically."

## Daughter keeps Drifters legacy alive



A LEGENDARY soul group are drifting back out on tour with a new show performing classic hits from the last six decades.

More than 60 dates have been announced for The Drifters in 2018 to celebrate 65 years in the business, including one night only at Dudley Town Hall tomorrow (Friday).

Now in their 65th year but, unsurprisingly, without any original members The Drifters are on the road with a line-up hand-picked by Tina Treadwell, pictured, president of the Treadwell Entertainment

Group and owner of The Drifters name.

Tina's father George started the group with Clyde McPhatter and brought in several greats such as Johnny Moore and Ben E King.

Her mother Faye was later responsible for bringing the group to the UK and overseeing hits such as You're More Than a Number in My Little Red Book and Kissin' In The Back Row of the Movies. After her parents died, it was down to Tina to continue the legacy of The Drifters name.

Tina, who previously worked for Disney as an executive producer and casting director, believes this

current line-up is one of the best to date and looks forward to the upcoming concert tour. She said: "I am very excited that now in our 65th anniversary year we have a new show for the fans who we invite to join us in celebrating this incredible and everlasting story of The Drifters."

The group has been inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame after an incredible list of hits including Saturday Night At The Movies, Come On Over To My Place, Stand By Me, Under The Boardwalk, There Goes My First Love and many more.

## Hart to Hart star in play with heart

Hollywood actress Stephanie Powers, pictured, will star alongside British actor Clive Francis when the stage version of poignant romance 84 Charing Cross Road comes to Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre next week. Based on Helene Hanff's novel, turned into a 1987 film, it is based on the true story about the correspondence between a New York writer and a London bookseller. Ms Powers is best known for playing Jennifer Hart in US detective series Hart to Hart.



## Liverpool legends play on despite footy

Liverpool legends Echo and the Bunnymen headline Birmingham's Symphony Hall on Saturday, after some 'will they won't they' over the gig clashing with Liverpool's appearance in the Champions League final. The concert will feature reworkings of some of their classic songs, since they formed on Merseyside in the late 1970s. Canadian collective Broken Social Scene are returning to the UK on tour this summer, including a concert at Birmingham O2 Academy next Thursday (May 31). Last summer they released their fifth album Hug of Thunder, their first in several years. There is a feast of blues at the Robin 2 in Bilston with the Chris Bevington Organisation launching their new album tonight (Thursday) at a double header with Big Wolf Band. Then Ian Parker and his band play next Wednesday and King King on Thursday.

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Hugh Grant

**A Very English Scandal (BBC1, 9pm)**

Jeremy draws one step closer to his goal of becoming prime minister, but his success is threatened by the return of Norman, demanding that he keep the promises he made. With his political career on the line, Jeremy is determined to do whatever it takes to keep his former lover quiet, a situation complicated by Peter having left for California. Jeremy finds the pressure mounting - leading to a disastrous incident when shots are fired. Hugh Grant and Ben Whishaw star in Russell T Davies fact-based drama.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.15** Britain's Best Home Cook. (R) **4.10** Points of View. **4.25** Songs of Praise. **5.05** The Coronation. Documentary about the Queen's coronation in 1953, featuring an interview with the monarch, who shares her memories and discusses seeing her father crowned when she was 11. (R)

**6.05** BBC News.

**6.20** Regional Programme.

**6.30** Countryfile. Matt Baker presents the show from the Queen's Windsor estate, exploring the grounds in a horse-drawn carriage and discovering tales of the monarch's first visit as a young princess. Adam Henson reports on the livestock breeding on the estate's farms. Anita Rani finds out about a breed of horse saved from extinction, and John Craven investigates a tree-planting scheme. Plus, Sean Fletcher reports from the Royal Welsh Show.

**7.30** Taylor Swift & Paloma Faith at the Biggest Weekend. Alex Jones and Nick Grimshaw present the show live from Singleton Park, Swansea, where Taylor Swift will be performing a preview of her forthcoming world tour. Plus highlights of Paloma Faith's set in Coventry, featuring songs from her fourth album The Architect.

**9.00** A Very English Scandal. Jeremy draws one step closer to becoming prime minister, but his success is threatened by the return of Norman, demanding that he keep the promises he made.

**10.00** BBC News.

**10.20** Regional Programme.

**10.30** Imagine - Orhan Pamuk: A Strange Mind. The novelist introduces Alan Yentob to his home city of Istanbul, and reveals how the city's distinctive blend of ancient and modern culture have shaped his own work.

**11.35** Film: The Ides of March. (2011) A presidential campaign worker must decide where his loyalties lie as dark secrets come to light. Drama, directed by and starring George Clooney.

**1.10** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.15** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.35** Coast. (R) **7.35** Glorious Gardens from Above. (R) **8.20** Countryfile Spring Special. (R) **9.15** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.45** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.15** Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. (R) **12.00** NW200 Highlights. **1.00** Athletics: Diamond League Eugene Highlights. **2.00** The Sinking of the Laconia. (R) **3.30** Flog It! (R) **4.30** The Biggest Weekend Live.

**6.00** Golf: PGA Championship. Eilidh Barbour presents highlights of the final day of the European Tour's flagship event from Wentworth in Surrey. The famous West Course always seems to throw up some last-round drama, especially in 2014 when Rory McIlroy came from seven shots behind with a closing round of 66 to finish one stroke clear of Shane Lowry. With commentary by Peter Alliss, Ken Brown and Andrew Cotter.

**7.00** Million Pound Menu. Fred Sirieix welcomes another two street-food brands to Manchester, where the owners pitch their businesses to high-street investors in the hope of opening their own restaurants. Up this week are Fincia, a Cuban street-food brand whose founders Oli, Joe and Michael are looking to secure £150,000 to open in their home town of Liverpool. Meanwhile, former waitress Chelsea Campbell hopes to tap into the increasing number of adults eating less meat with her vegan junk-food idea Wholesome Junkies. (R)

**8.00** Steve Backshall v the Monster Mountain. Steve attempts to climb the north face of the Eiger, braving ice-covered cliffs, blinding blizzards and a dangerous storm front. (R)

**9.00** Florence and the Machine at the Biggest Weekend. The band led by Florence Welch take to the main stage at Singleton Park in Swansea, performing songs from their back catalogue alongside material from upcoming album High as Hope.

**10.00** Liam Gallagher at the Biggest Weekend. The singer performs on the main stage at Coventry's War Memorial Park, playing songs from his debut solo album as well as classic Oasis anthems.

**11.30** International Rugby Union. **12.30** Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **1.30** Holby City. (R) **2.30** This Is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Super 4. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** The Oddbods Show. (R) **7.05** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **7.30** Teen Titans Go! (R) **7.45** Adventure Time. (R) **8.00** The Haunted Hathaways. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Zoe Ball on Sunday. **9.25** Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **11.00** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **12.15** Britain's Got More Talent. (R) **1.15** ITV News: Weather. **1.25** Countrywise. (R) **1.55** Ninja Warrior UK. (R) **3.00** Tenable. (R) **4.00** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. (R) **5.00** The Chase Celebrity Special. (R)

**6.00** Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule. Madcap panel show presented by the comedian, with Charlie Brooks, Chizzy Akudolu, Lolly Adefope and Carol Vorderman tasked with saving Earth from any potential alien invasion. (R)

**6.30** ITV News: Weather.

**6.45** Regional Programme: Weather.

**7.00** Little Big Shots. Dawn French hosts a variety show featuring some of the world's most talented children, including a young opera singer, a circus strongman, a group of soul singers and Spain's biggest pop stars under four foot tall. Last in the series.

**8.00** The London Palladium: The Greatest Stage on Earth. Bradley Walsh presents a documentary about the famous theatre, meeting some of the stars who have trod its boards, discovering the backstage secrets of its history, and uncovering archive footage of classic performances, including a long-lost recording of Morecambe and Wise. Featuring contributions from Stephen Fry, Sheila Hancock, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Beverley Knight and Philip Schofield.

**10.00** ITV News: Weather.

**10.20** Peston on Sunday. Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston, with Allegra Stratton. (R)

**11.20** Sunday Night at the Palladium. Jason Manford introduces the variety show, featuring Will Young performing his single Love Revolution, comedy from the Lyceum and a duet between David Gray and LeAnn Rimes. (R)

**12.10** Great Art. (R) **1.00** Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

## CHANNEL 4

**6.10** Motor Sport: Caterham. **6.40** Eat the Week. (R) **7.35** Frasier. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Bake Off: The Professionals. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **1.00** Formula 1 Monaco Grand Prix Live Build Up. Build-up to the sixth round of the season at Circuit de Monaco. **1.45** Formula 1 Monaco Grand Prix Live. Coverage of the sixth round of the season at Circuit de Monaco (Start-time 2.10pm). **4.30** Formula 1 Monaco Grand Prix Live Reaction. Reaction from the sixth round of the season at Circuit de Monaco. **5.30** Grand Designs. (R)

**6.30** Channel 4 News.

**7.00** Escape to the Chateau. Dick and Angel return to continue their renovation adventures in France. Two-and-a-half years have passed since the couple swapped their flat in Southend for a 19th-century chateau in France costing only £280,000, and in that time, the pair have worked to transform the derelict property into a fairytale castle. However, around half of the 45 are yet to receive adequate attention, the couple's fledgling events business demands attention, and the outbuildings are still in need of conversion. (R)

**8.00** Bake Off: The Professionals. Cherish Finden and Benoit Blin challenge the bakers to prepare two batches of perfectly uniform miniature classics, before turning a classic eton mess into a masterpiece.

**9.00** The Handmaid's Tale. Emily reflects on her past as she works in the colonies, recalling her life as an academic before the rise of Gilead, and the events that led her to realise the danger to come. She tries to flee the country, but when her marriage is forcibly annulled, she finds family torn apart. In the present, she encounters a new arrival in the colonies, whose presence stirs up tension and mistrust. Offered assistance to a new way of life as she hides out in a place with a grisly history. Marisa Tomei guest stars.

**10.10** Film: The Hunger Games: Catching Fire. (2013) The victor in a televised battle to the death returns to the arena to face other past champions. Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Jennifer Lawrence and Liam Hemsworth.

**12.55** Film: The Family. (2013) **2.55** Best Laid Plans. (R) **3.50** My Kitchen Rules. (R) **4.45** Shipping Wars UK. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Little Princess. **6.10** Wissper. (R) **6.20** Poppy Cat. (R) **6.30** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.35** The Secret Life of Puppies. (R) **6.40** Mofy. (R) **6.45** Oily the Little White Van. (R) **6.50** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.00** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.10** Thomas & Friends. (R) **7.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.40** Rusty Rivets. **7.55** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.10** Nella the Princess Knight. (R) **8.25** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.45** Floogals. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.05** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.25** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.40** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.50** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.30** Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud 2. (R) **10.55** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.50** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.50** Film: Five Children and It. (2004) Children's fantasy, with Kenneth Branagh. **1.50** Access. **1.55** Film: Five Children and It. (2004) Concluded. **2.35** Film: Madeline. (1998) Children's comedy, with Hatty Jones and Frances McDormand. **3.35** Access. **3.40** Film: Madeline. (1998) Concluded. **4.25** Film: The Parent Trap. (1998) Comedy remake, starring Lindsay Lohan. **5.25** Access. **5.30** Film: The Parent Trap. (1998) Concluded.

**6.55** 5 News Weekend.

**7.00** Cricket on 5. England v Pakistan. Action from the fourth day of the First Test in the two-match series, which took place at Lord's.

**8.00** Agatha Christie's Crooked House. Adaptation of the mystery novel, starring Max Irons and Terence Stamp. Charles, the son of the assistant commissioner at Scotland Yard returns to London from Cairo following the end of the Second World War, only to discover his fiancée's grandfather has been murdered. He uses his father's connections to become involved in the investigation, and finds the dead man's second wife a likely suspect. However, nobody in the household has an alibi, and Charles' fiancée may have the clearest motive for murder. (R)

**10.05** Top of the Box 1989 with Matthew Kelly. The presenter takes a look back at the most popular TV from 1989, including Bread, Only Fools and Horses, The Bill, Allo! Allo!, Birds of a Feather, Neighbours and Byker Grove.

**11.50** Best of Bad TV: The 80s. (R) **1.10** Football on 5: League 1 Play-Off Final. **1.40** SuperCasino. **3.10** The Secret Life of Marilyn Monroe: Affairs & Heartbreak. (R) **4.40** House Doctor. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Four**

**7.00** The Biggest Weekend **8.30** How to Build a Jumbo Jet Engine **9.30** Locomotion: Dan Snow's History of Railways **10.30** Jonathan Meades on Jargon **11.30** Amazon Abyss **12.30** Civilisations Stories: Innovation and Inspiration in Birmingham **1.00** How to Build a Jumbo Jet Engine **2.00** Locomotion: Dan Snow's History of Railways **3.00** Jonathan Meades on Jargon **4.00** Close

**ITV2**

**12.30** You've Been Framed! Gold **1.35** Film: The Flintstones (1994) **2.40** FYI Daily **2.45** Film: The Flintstones (1994) **3.20** Britain's Got Talent **4.35** Britain's Got More Talent Live **5.40** Film: Jurassic World (2015) **6.45** FYI Daily **6.50** Film: Jurassic World (2015) **8.00** Film: The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (2014) **9.10** FYI Daily **9.15** Film: The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (2014) **10.45** Family Guy **12.10** American Dad! **1.10** The Cleveland Show **1.35** Through the Keyhole **2.30** Teleshopping

**ITV3**

**11.40** A Touch of Frost **6.00** Agatha Christie's Pouch **8.00** Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs **9.00** Joanna Lumley's Japan **10.00** Cilla **11.00** Wire in the Blood **1.00** Blue Murder **2.20** Liverpool **1.35** Road to Avonlea **5.05** George and Mildred **5.35** ITV3 Nightscreen

**ITV4**

**9.00** Film: The Enforcer (1976) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05** Film: The Enforcer (1976) **11.05** Film: Sudden Death (1995) **12.05** FYI Daily **12.10** Film: Sudden Death (1995) **1.15** Film: The Protectors **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

**E4**

**11.20** The Goldbergs **1.20** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **1.50** Young Sheldon **2.20** Film: The Core (2003) **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00** The Inbetweeners: Their Favourite **12.15** The Big Bang Theory **1.10** Tattoo Fixers **2.15** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **3.05** Black-ish **3.30** Hollyoaks

**Film4**

**11.00** The Rugrats Movie (1999) **1.00** The Rugrats in Paris: The Movie (2000) **2.35** Tooth Fairy (2010) **4.40** We Bought a Zoo (2011) **7.05** Crocodile Dundee (1986) **9.00** Spy (2015) A deskbound CIA agent goes into action for the first time to battle an arms dealer and avert a global disaster. Comedy adventure, with Melissa McCarthy and Jason Statham. **11.20** Odd Thomas (2013) **1.10** Dressed to Kill (1980) **3.20** Close

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Rush Hour, ITV, 10.20pm

A Hong Kong detective is sent to Los Angeles to investigate a kidnapping, but the local authorities worry that his presence in America might spark an international incident, and assign a loud-mouthed and troublesome cop to keep an eye on him. However, the new partnership proves an explosive combination. Comedy adventure, starring Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker, Ken Leung and Tom Wilkinson. (1998)

TUESDAY

A Woman Deceived, Channel 5, 3.20pm

A wealthy young widow marries the man who organised the event at which her husband was killed, and for a while her life seems perfect - until financial concerns begin to create tension. Thriller, starring Ashley Scott, Jay Pickett, David DeLuise and Brian Krause. (2017)

WEDNESDAY

Abducted Love, Channel 5, 3.15pm

After her husband is abducted on his way to work, Ann Bradshaw and her teenage daughter Casey find themselves in danger when they help the police investigate the kidnapping. Thriller, starring Daphne Zuniga and Nicole Munoz. (2016)



Pompeii, Friday, Channel 5, 10pm

THURSDAY

Rio Conchos, BBC2, 12.45pm

A shipment of rifles is stolen by a former Confederate general in the aftermath of the American Civil War, and he begins selling them to hostile Apaches. A cavalry major is assigned to bring back the weapons, aided by a mismatched band including one of his fellow officers, a duplicitous Mexican and a drunken former rebel. Western, starring Richard Boone and Stuart Whitman. (1964)

FRIDAY

Pompeii, Channel 5, 10pm

A gladiator in the ancient Roman city falls in love with the daughter of a wealthy merchant, who is being forced into marriage with a corrupt senator. When the nearby volcano Vesuvius erupts, he fights to save her and escape the destruction of the city. Disaster movie, starring Kit Harington. (2014)

## New adaptation looks far from a tragic affair

Even at 80, the Oscar winner and all-round acting legend Anthony Hopkins can still disappear into a role.

Richard Eyre, who has directed this new adaptation of Shakespeare's King Lear, reveals that while they were filming on location, a member of the public mistook Hopkins for a homeless man.

Eyre told Digital Spy: "A woman in a mobility scooter rode up to Tony, and said, 'You know, there's a hostel up the road... so you might want to take your shopping trolley down there.'"

But while Hopkins may have been unrecognisable, there are plenty of very familiar faces among the cast.

Of course, that shouldn't really come as a surprise. When it comes to bringing Shakespeare to the screen, the BBC has pulled off some real coups.

But King Lear is arguably the most impressive yet, giving viewers three Oscar winners for the price of one - as well as Hopkins in the title role, it

also stars Emma Thompson as his daughter Goneril and Jim Broadbent as Gloucester.

They head a cast that also includes recent Hamlet Andrew Scott, Emily Watson, Florence Pugh, Jim Carter, John Macmillan, Jim Carter, Christopher Eccleston, Tobias Menzies and Karl Johnson.

Executive producers Colin Callender and Sonia Friedman credit Eyre with assembling such an incredible collection of actors, but the play itself was probably also a draw, especially as some consider it to be Shakespeare's finest tragedy.

This version is set in a fictionalised modern-day England, which is now a military dictatorship ruled over by Lear. He decides to divide his kingdom between his three daughters according to which of them professes to love him most. The youngest, Cordelia (Pugh), refuses play along and is banished as a result.

However, while the eldest two, Goneril and Regan (Watson), may have been prepared to publicly

flatter their father, it's a very different story once they have acquired power.

Meanwhile, Lear's prime minister, Gloucester, is having family problems of his own as he is betrayed by his son Edmund (Macmillan) and his other son, Edgar (Scott), is forced to go into hiding. As Lear loses his grip on his sanity, the kingdom descends into war...

It's a story that's been around for centuries - it's believed that Shakespeare took his inspiration from the second edition of The Chronicles of England, Scotlande, and Irelande by Raphael Holinshed, published in 1587 - but Scott is hoping that this version can bring it to a whole new audience.

The Sherlock star told Digital Spy: "People sometimes think, 'Shakespeare's not really for me, because I don't understand that particular word', and that doesn't matter in any way.

I hate the idea that this kind of drama is only for a select few...; that's not the way it should be."



Anthony Hopkins stars as King Lear, Monday, BBC2, 9.30pm

## BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

Peter Kay's Car Share - The Finale BBC1, 10pm

The recent one-off unscripted episode may have been a treat, but what many Car Share fans really wanted was an instalment that finally resolved the will-they-won't-they storyline between workmates Kayleigh (Sian Gibson) and John (Peter Kay). That's because the second and supposedly final series ended last year with Kayleigh getting out of the car, seemingly for good, after she confessed her feelings for John and he struggled to open up about his own emotions. It was a surprisingly downbeat ending to a usually heart-warming sitcom, and 100,000 viewers signed an online petition insisting Kay and Gibson couldn't leave it there. So, we're getting a final edition to reveal what happened next - but will fans get the happy ending they've been hoping for or will they have to start another petition?

TUESDAY

Grammar Schools: Who Will Get In? BBC2, 9pm

New series. Tens of thousands of children across England take the 11 plus selection test each year, and for the first time in decades there are plans to expand selective education. Filmed over one term with access to three schools in Bexley, which has a

fully selective education system, cameras follow children and teachers to see how selection impacts on education. This edition follows children from Upland Primary School as they prepare to take the test right up until results day. They include 10-year-old Joanita, who has had extra lessons outside school for nearly three years in preparation.

WEDNESDAY

The Big Crash Diet Experiment BBC1, 8pm

It used to be the case that people looking to shed the pounds were advised to avoid crash diets that promised quick results in favour of doing it 'sensibly' by making smaller, long-term lifestyle changes. But now a series of scientific trials have led researchers to ask whether some seemingly extreme weight-loss methods might be the answer to the obesity crisis. To see if the results of these highly controlled studies translate to the real world, A&E doctor and presenter Dr Javid Abdelmoneim, who up until now has been suspicious of crash dieting, and a team of experts are putting four volunteers on an extreme

10-week programme. In the process, they'll be showing why dieting isn't just about weight loss, but also about the health benefits that come with it.

Carry on Brussels

Channel 4, 10pm

The second of three programmes following an eclectic group of British MEPs as they brace themselves for Brexit. Ukip's Hermann Kelly thinks Brexit is in danger of going soft, so sets off to find stories of EU excesses to feed to sympathetic journalists. Lone Liberal

Democrat MEP Catherine Bearder has the ear of the Parliament's chief Brexit negotiator Guy Verhofstadt, and determines to use her ally to frustrate Brexit. However, when she votes against the UK government, her tactics risk backfiring as the lead negotiator David Davis calls for her to be sacked.



Carry on Brussels, Wednesday, Channel 4, 10pm

THURSDAY

Britain's Best Home Cook BBC1, 8pm

Week five of the home cooking contest sees the contestants starting out with dessert as they put their individual spin on a chocolate pudding. The sweet dishes served to the judges include an ambitious chocolate charlotte, a Black Forest gateau and one that integrates a root vegetable. Next they are given just one hour to invent a sweet or savoury dish using aubergine or tofu as the key ingredient - before the elimination round sees the weakest cooks following a recipe for a classic oriental dish. Presented by Claudia Winkleman.

FRIDAY

Tracey Breaks the News

BBC1, 9.30pm

New series. Tracey Ullman reacts to the events of the moment, alongside her incarnations of politicians including Theresa May, Nicola Sturgeon and new for this second series, Michael Gove and Jacob Rees-Mogg. Jeremy Corbyn has an awkward meeting with an old friend, beleaguered German chancellor Angela Merkel reassesses her image and media mogul Rupert Murdoch spends some quality time with one-time model and now his better half Jerry Hall. With Ben Miller.



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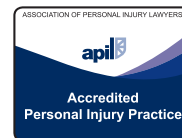


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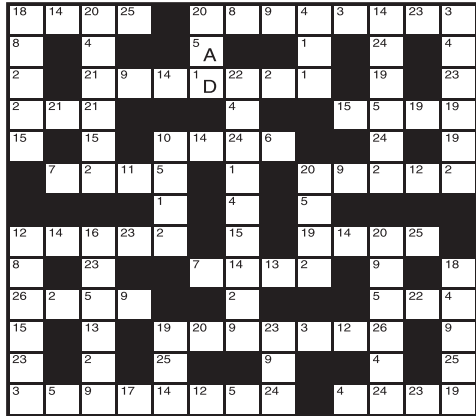


## BRAIN GYM

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## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

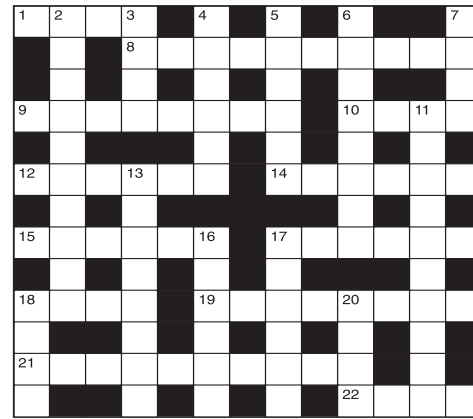
## Cryptic Clues:

## Across

- Current recessions (4)
- They make their names as proverbial listeners (10)
- Fellow actor? (8)
- Divan, so far unfinished (4)
- Second importance (6)
- Quake in the centre, more or less (6)
- Disturb the master flow (6)
- Throw the French in a stronghold (6)
- If there's a man around he's from the U.S. (4)
- They secure temporary accommodation (4-4)
- Extensive property (10)
- Southern timber used in window construction (4)

## Down

- Paperhanger who mails his account? (4-6)
- Check part of the sailing tackle (4)
- Father divides the remains of a meal (6)
- Thanks! What's borrowed is to be a gift (6)
- I left the priests in churches (8)
- A major land-mass, though it could be minor (4)
- Twelve-inch candles used in theatres (10)
- Train for employment (8)
- Decimal used in some tricky calculations (6)
- Frank is able - and proved it (6)
- We're breaking up the vessel (4)
- Gives someone their due (4)



## Quick Clues:

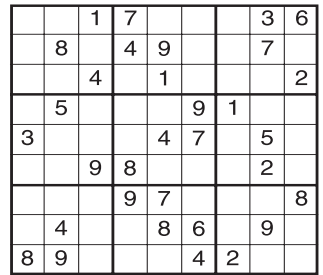
## Across

- Experience (4)
- Retort (6,4)
- Flying beetle (8)
- Orient (4)
- Of the sea (6)
- Invent (6)
- Centre (6)
- Abrupt (6)
- Drawback (4)
- Bully (8)
- Imposter (10)
- Augments (4)

## Down

- Diggings (10)
- Woman (4)
- Seek to attain (6)
- Entitled (6)
- Nourishment (10)
- Poor (8)
- Symbol (6)
- War-cry (6)
- Unchanged (4)
- Harden by heat (4)

## Sudoku



Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS &gt;

1	8	6	4	2	7	3	5	9
2	5	4	3	1	9	6	7	8
3	7	6	5	8	1	2	4	5
4	7	5	9	8	6	2	3	1
5	2	3	1	4	5	7	9	6
6	4	8	2	9	1	5	6	7
7	9	1	5	6	3	4	8	2
8	6	2	8	7	4	9	1	3

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:  
 CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Onion; 8 Trouble; 9 Nowhere; 10 Voter; 12 Constrains; 15 Auctioneer; 18 Tress; 19 Gleaner; 21 Consort; 22 Eaten.  
 Down: 1 Counteract; 2 Views; 3 Once; 4 Stress; 5 Converse; 6 Abstain; 11 Restaurant; 13 Omission; 14 Screens; 16 Negate; 17 Unity; 20 Eden.  
 QUICK - Across: 7 Idler; 8 Calling; 9 Habitue; 10 Rapid; 12 Paltriness; 15 Subterfuge; 18 Yield; 19 Elector; 21 Recital; 22 Swing.  
 Down: 1 Dishonesty; 2 Globe; 3 Fret; 4 Accept; 5 Alarming; 6 Simpler; 11 Discourage; 13 Anecdote; 14 Absence; 16 Feeble; 17 Stain; 20 Else.

## Quiz

- In which S American city did Erich Honecker die?
- To which organisation did the ship Rainbow Warrior belong?
- Who founded the Church of Scientology in 1954?
- Which countries were joined in the Act of Union of 1707?
- Who wrote The Firm and The Pelican Brief?
- By what name is tetanus or trismus also known?
- Which composer wrote The Pines of Rome?
- Of which group of islands is Naxos the largest?
- Which singer's departure closed the musical Piaf?
- Who wrote Our Man in Havana?

## Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 13; 2 Sark; 3 Ricky Gervais; 4 Louis Mountbatten; 5 Paddy Ashdown; 6 Boris Pasternak; 7 A primate; 8 Twilight of the Gods; 9 Popocatepetl; 10 Tuberculosis.  
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## Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

674385 gives a dwelling,  
 6745841 gives a second dwelling,  
 982 gives a third dwelling.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9



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# This highland retreat has Scot it all

The day started damp and cold with little signs of improvement when we boarded the plane at Manchester airport, but just an hour later the sun was out and the air was crisp, fresh and clean.

We had arrived in the Scottish Highlands, having flown with Loganair to Inverness.

It was a perfect flight too. Inverness is far enough away to fly at a high enough altitude to miss out on any turbulence and after a complimentary cup of tea and biscuit and a stunning view of the snow-clad Cairngorms we were down on the runway for our one-night stay at MacDonald Drumossie Hotel.

There is plenty to see in the area around Inverness, so making a shortlist of sights is tricky. However, you can't go wrong in Scotland with a castle, a loch and some good food and we managed to pack all those in, and more, before dusk.

## ACTIVE

First stop, just a short journey from Inverness Airport was Cawdor Castle for an exclusive tour organised by the Dowager Countess Cawdor herself who still lives at the castle, which boasts 74 rooms, 14 bedrooms and two kitchens, many of them open to the public.

The old kitchen was in active use between 1640 and 1938 and still has the original well dug straight into the red rock on which the castle was founded.

Interestingly, the legend goes that the Thane of Cawdor, who had a small castle a mile away, decided to build a new stronger tower and was instructed in a dream to let a donkey choose where it should be sited. A thorn tree was planted in that spot which can be seen in tower to this day.

The Thane of Cawdor's Shakespearean connection is a little off the mark as Cawdor Castle was not built

Views across Loch Ness



The historic Cawdor Castle



until the late 14th century well after King Duncan lost any blood or Lady Macbeth much sleep in this particular house.

Outside, Cawdor's three outstanding gardens with herbaceous borders, roses, rhododendrons, a rare blue poppy, spring bulbs, contemporary sculptures and a wild garden are not to be missed.

Next on the list was lunch, taken at Loch Ness Lodge, an elegant and intimate retreat right on the edge of the famous body of water. We were welcomed by Willie Cameron, aka 'Mr Loch Ness', suitably attired in kilt

and sporran. Willie is Business Development Director at Cobbs Group, who own a number of hotels in the local area as well as a café chain and the bakery that produces delicious Cobbs Cake.

His executive chef Adam Dwyer pulled out all the stops for our private dinner, serving up one Loch Ness crispy lamb shoulder, followed by a pan-seared fillet of Wester Ross salmon with spiced lentils, foie gras and apple and plum chutney and to finish, baked mango cream, coconut macaroon, mango gel, coconut sorbet and nougatine tuille. Five star delicious. It was then time

for a bit of monster spotting with a cruise on Loch Ness. Jacobite started offering cruises of the legendary Loch Ness in 1973. We didn't spot Nessie although we heard plenty of tales and we did see the views of the great Glen and Urquhart castle ruin. Our hotel for the night was the excellent MacDonald Drumossie Hotel.

Next day, after a full Scottish breakfast, we were at Inverness airport and in less than an hour safely back in Manchester with our memories of Scotland still fresh in our minds.

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## Immaculate home with four bedrooms is semi-detached

**This immaculate four-double-bedroomed semi-detached house in Dartmouth Road, Cannock, comes with a cabin at the rear which is ideal for use as a gym, office, games room or guest house.**

Also having a landscaped rear garden with artificial grass and a raised patio area, it is for sale through Lovett & Co Estate Agents at £325,000.

The property has a contemporary design and high specification finish throughout and features a stunning open plan ground floor layout with an orangery to the rear, breakfast kitchen, dining area and opening to the lounge.

There is also a front dining room, four double bedrooms, a large bathroom with a modern fitted suite, a driveway with parking for three vehicles with a security pole, a large private landscaped rear garden, a large cabin to the rear with power and lighting, plus an insulated dog kennel to the side.

It is well placed to provide easy access to Cannock town centre (within two minutes walking distance), which offers a wide range of amenities with both local and national bus and train services available. The location also benefits from being just a few minutes away from Cannock Chase, an area of outstanding natural beauty. Commuter benefits include A460, A5 and M6 toll road linking the midlands motorway network. Good local schooling is also available and the property is within St.Lukes School catchment area.

The property has two floors. On the ground floor is the porch, hallway, lounge, breakfast kitchen, orangery sitting/dining area, utility and guest WC. On the first floor is an open landing, four double bedrooms and a family bathroom.

In more detail the reception hall has solid oak flooring and stairs off.

The lounge has a feature fireplace with a multi fuel burner, painted ceiling beams and Karndean flooring.

CANNOCK £325,000



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### KEY FEATURES

Immaculate semi-detached house

Four double bedrooms

Open plan ground floor design

Stunning orangery and large rear cabin

Modern kitchen and large bathroom



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# Part exchange will be considered on home

**CHESLYN HAY**  
**£180,000**

With part exchange for a smaller property considered, this four-bedroomed semi-detached property in Littlewood Lane, Cheslyn Hay, is for sale through Keable Homes at offers over £180,000.

An ideal home for a growing family, it lies within the catchment area for the popular village school.

This house has an entrance hallway, a lounge, kitchen, guest WC, four bedrooms, a loft conversion and a family bathroom. With gas central heating, double glazing and a rear garden, it also has parking for up to six cars.

The kitchen has a built-in electric powered cooker and hob with an overhead extractor hood.

Contact Keable Homes on 01543 468847.



# Four-bedroom detached with no chain on a popular road

**CANNOCK**  
**£365,000** <<<

This fantastic four-bedroomed detached property in Wellington Drive, Cannock, is on a very popular road.

It is for sale through Jayman Estate Agents at offers over £365,000 with no chain.

Situated just a short walk from Cannock town centre, the home is located close to all local schools, amenities and transport links.

In brief its accommodation comprises an entrance porch, an entrance hall, a lounge, a dining room, a kitchen, a utility room and a guest cloakroom/WC. To the first floor the house has a large gallery landing, four double bedrooms and a family bathroom.

Outside the property has off-road parking for several cars.

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## Modern new-build property maintained to show home standard throughout in a quiet cul-de-sac location

A modern new-build property in Ash Close, Norton Canes, is presented to show home standard throughout.

In a quiet cul-de-sac location and having an open view to the front, it is for sale through Webbs Estate Agents at £220,000.

In brief, the property consists of an entrance hallway with a storage cupboard, a guest WC, a modern well-equipped kitchen/diner, a spacious lounge with French doors

**CANNOCK**  
**£220,000**

opening out to the garden. To the first floor there are three bedrooms, the master having en-suite, and a three-piece family bathroom completes the first floor.

Outside the enclosed rear garden is mainly laid to lawn with a paved patio seating area. The single garage

has an up and over door to the front and a door to the side.

In more detail, the entrance hallway has attractive tiled flooring and stairs to the first floor.

The kitchen/diner has a range of soft close wall, floor and drawer units with roll top work surfaces over incorporating a one-and a half bowl sink and drainer, an integrated double oven and hob.

Contact Webbs on 01543 468846.



## An impressive well-presented four-bedroom detached property in a popular residential area

An impressive detached residence in Station Road, Great Wyrley, lies in a popular residential location and has immaculate, contemporary interiors.

It is for sale through Paul Carr Estate Agents at offers in excess of £350,000.

Having a good-sized garden and driveway parking, its accommodation briefly comprises a porch, entrance hallway, a lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room,

**GREAT WYRLEY**  
**£350,000**

a ground floor bedroom, en-suite shower room, a guest WC, four first floor bedrooms, a bathroom and a separate WC.

Ideally located for local amenities, schools and transport links and having immaculate, contemporary interiors, this impressive detached

residence would ideally suit a growing family and internal viewing is highly recommended to fully appreciate its scope and finish. The accommodation includes a welcoming hallway with a guest WC off and engineered wood flooring which continues through to the light and spacious lounge. This has an open fireplace and double doors leading in to the separate dining room with French doors overlooking the rear garden.

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**SHOAL HILL**  
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- A spacious 4 bedroom detached
- 4 reception rooms
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- Conservatory, guest cloakroom
- Master bedroom with ensuite
- Family bathroom
- Gardens front and rear
- Double garage
- Awaiting EPC rating

**£525,000**

**HEDNESFORD**  
**RAWNSLEY ROAD**



- NO CHAIN
- Two bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Spacious bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden
- Off road Parking
- Ideal first time buy
- Awaiting EPC rating

**£119,950**

**HEDNESFORD**  
**BROMLEY CLOSE**



- A modern three bedroom semi detached
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, Refitted kitchen/diner
- Master bedroom with ensuite
- Two further bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Garden front and rear
- Driveway
- EPC rating C

**£164,950**

**CANNOCK**  
**MORETON STREET**



- A two bedroom detached bungalow
- Central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, dining room
- Kitchen, shower room
- Two bedrooms
- Good sized rear garden
- In need of modernisation
- Awaiting EPC rating

**£149,950**

**HUNTINGTON**  
**BADGER CLOSE**



- A spacious three bedroom detached
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, dining room
- Kitchen, guest cloakroom
- Master bedroom with ensuite
- Family bathroom
- Garden to rear
- Gargae and parking
- EPC rating D

**£225,000**

**HEATH HAYES**  
**WOODFORD WAY**



- NO CHAIN
- Two Bedrooms
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Modern fitted bathroom
- Lounge/conservatory
- Driveway
- Viewing Essential
- EPC rating C

**£142,000**

**HEDNESFORD**  
**STAFFORD LANE**



- A spacious two bedroom semi detached
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, dining area
- Kitchen, two bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Gardens front and rear
- Garage
- Driveway
- Awaiting EPC rating

**£149,950**

**HEATH HAYES**  
**STRAUSS DRIVE**



- A spacious four bedroom
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, kitchen, dining room
- Utility, guest cloakroom
- Master with ensuite
- Shower room
- Garden to rear, driveway
- EPC rating C

**£220,000 offers in excess of**

**HEATH HAYES**  
**DENBURY CLOSE**



- A three bedroom property
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, refitted kitchen/diner
- Three bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden
- Tandem garage
- Driveway
- EPC rating D

**£209,950**

**CANNOCK**  
**WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD**



- A traditional two bedroom
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, dining room
- Refitted kitchen, guest WC
- Refitted bathroom
- Family bathroom
- Garden to rear
- Garage and parking
- MOTIVATED SELLER
- EPC rating E

**£135,000**

**HEDNESFORD**  
**GREENHEATH ROAD**



- Fully renovated three bed
- Two reception rooms
- Breakfast kitchen with dining
- Utility/Guest WC
- Family bathroom
- En-suite Shower room
- Driveway, garage
- Awaiting EPC rating

**£224,500**

**HEDNESFORD**  
**CHAFFINCH CLOSE**



- A two bedroom semi detached bungalow
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge/diner
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- Refitted shower room
- Conservatory, carport
- Garden to rear and side
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PEREGRINE WAY






- Modern Town House
- Extended
- Three Bedrooms
- En-suite To Master
- Lounge With Dining Room
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Driveway
- Sought After Location

**£190,000**

**NEW**

**CANNOCK**  
HEATH GAP ROAD




- No Chain
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Utility Area
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Externally There Is Gardens.

**£109,950**

**NEW**

**CANNOCK**  
WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD




- Entrance Porch
- Hallway, Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen.
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom,
- Garden
- Driveway And Garage

**£160,000**

**NEW**

**HEDNESFORD**  
PENDLE HILL










- Lounge,
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Utility Room,
- Ground Floor Shower Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Private Driveway
- Landscaped Gardens
- Garage/storage Room.

**£200,000**

**NEW**

**CHESLYN HAY**  
MOUNT PLEASANT

- Sought After Location
- Entrance Porch
- Hallway
- Lounge Diner
- Conservatory
- Kitchen
- Tandem Length Garage.
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom,
- Enclosed Rear Garden

**£185,000**

**NEW**

**CANNOCK**  
STONEY CROFT




- Detached Bungalow
- Hall, Utility
- Lounge, Sun Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Rear Garden
- Garage, Driveway

**£240,000**

**NEW**

**CANNOCK**  
WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD





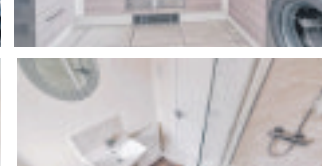

- NO CHAIN
- entrance porch
- lounge
- dining room
- kitchen
- bathroom
- three bedrooms
- detached garage

**£135,000**

**NEW**

**HEDNESFORD**  
HAYCOCK ROAD



- Modern Well Presented
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Spacious Lounge Diner
- Modern Kitchen
- Guest Wc
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HAMMERWICH, BURNTWOOD ROAD

- Executive Detached 5
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- Five Excellent Bedrooms C
- Detached Double Garage

Burntwood Office - £350,000



BURNTWOOD, WESTWOODS HOLLOW

- Well Presented Detached Residence 4
- Conservatory 2
- En-Suite to Master D
- Early Inspection Recommended

Burntwood Office - £275,000



LICHFIELD, NORWICH CLOSE

- Superbly Renovated Semi Detached 3
- Stylish Contemporary Interiors 1
- Beautiful Full Width Dining Kitchen D
- No Upward Chain

Great Wyrley Office - £270,000



GREAT WYRLEY, WALSALL ROAD

- Impressive period property 5
- Close to schools & amenities 2
- Five double bedrooms C
- Ample parking to the rear

Burntwood Office - £199,950



BURNTWOOD, SPRINGHILL ROAD

- Immaculate Semi-Detached Dormer 3
- Two/Bedroom Bedrooms 2
- Garage C
- Popular Location

Burntwood Office - Offers Over £199,950



NORTON CANES, HUSSEY ROAD

- Link Detached House 3
- Three Good Sized Bedrooms 1
- Extensive Block Paved Drive
- Viewing Highly Recommended

Great Wyrley Office - £190,000



CHESLYN HAY, ROSEMARY AVENUE

- Well presented link-semi-detached 4
- Popular residential location 1
- Three / four bedrooms
- Driveway parking & garage

Burntwood Office - £175,000



BURNTWOOD, UNION STREET

- Traditional Semi-Detached 2
- Two Double Bedrooms 1
- Off Road Parking E
- Potential For Extension

Great Wyrley Office - £155,000



CHESLYN HAY, WINDSOR ROAD

- Semi-detached family home 3
- Neatly presented interiors 1
- Kitchen, utility & guest WC
- No onward chain

Great Wyrley Office - £120,000



CHESLYN HAY, OLD FALLS CLOSE

- Superb 2nd floor apartment 2
- Well presented interiors 1
- Ideal first time purchase D
- Viewing highly recommended

Great Wyrley Office - £110,000



GREAT WYRLEY, FAIR OAKS DRIVE

- Mid-terraced property 3
- Close to schools & amenities 1
- Requires updating throughout D
- No onward chain

Great Wyrley Office - £59,950



WILLENHALL, CIRCUIT CLOSE

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- One double bedroom 1
- Garden & allocated parking C
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- NO UPWARD CHAIN

£285,000



SHERBROOK ROAD, CANNOCK

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HARPERS COURT, HEATH HAYES

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Similar Properties Required



HATTON ROAD, CANNOCK

- DETACHED FAMILY HOME
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- OPENFIELD TO FRONT
- LOUNGE AND DINING ROOM



- DOWNSTAIRS WC
- VERY POPULAR LOCATION
- CLOSE TO CANNOCK CHASE
- CARPORT AND GARAGE

£249,950



VIEW STREET, HEDNESFORD

- SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW
- BACKING ONTO WOODLAND
- TWO REAR FACING BEDROOMS
- SPACIOUS LOUNGE/DINER

£160,000



WALLACE CLOSE, NORTON CANES

- THREE BED DETACHED
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- DUAL ASPECT LOUNGE / DINER
- CONSERVATORY



- GARAGE & DRIVEWAY
- FITTED KITCHEN
- REFITTED BATHROOM
- CLOSE TO AMENITIES

£160,000



BIDEFORD WAY, CANNOCK

- STUNNING FIVE BEDROOM HOME
- LUXURY BATHROOM & EN-SUITE
- STUNNING HIGH END DINING KITCHEN
- L-SHAPED REAR GARDEN
- BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY
- NO CHAIN INVOLVED
- OPEN PLAN LOUNGE
- CLOSE TO CANNOCK TOWN

£280,000



COPPICE COURT, WALSALL WOOD

- FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT
- TWO BEDROOMS
- SECURE GATED PARKING
- OPEN PLAN LOUNGE / KITCHEN

£95,000



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Balfour House, High Green

- Ground floor apartment
- Open plan kitchen / Lounge
- Double bedroom
- Shower room
- Town centre location
- Available now

£425pcm Sorry no dss & no pets



Lomax Road, Hednesford

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- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Modern Style bathroom
- Fitted kitchen
- Double glazing & gas central heating
- Available June

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Rosebay Meadows, Heath Hayes

- Immaculately presented semi-detached property
- Two bedrooms
- Spacious Lounge
- Double glazing and electric heating
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- Modern style bathroom

£575 pcm strictly no pets, children or DSS



Rosemary Avenue, Stafford

- Corner plot - cul de sac location
- Kitchen/diner
- Spacious lounge
- Two double bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Ample parking on driveway

£650pcm sorry no DSS & no pets



Milton Road, Cannock

- Semi detached property
- Spacious lounge
- Kitchen / Diner
- Three bedrooms
- Driveway and garden
- Available June 2018

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● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this superbly presented detached three storey property in a popular location and built by Walton Homes. Internally the interesting layout includes four good size bedrooms, main bathroom and two en suites, refitted kitchen, lounge and garage with well presented frontage and rear garden,

Antler Drive, Etching Hill

£245,000

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this fantastic two bedroom bungalow in Etching Hill with No Upward Chain. The bungalow really is a rare opportunity and sits on a prominent corner plot with gardens to front, rear and side with large sweeping driveway. Internally the bungalow has been updated and refitted to a modern high standard and viewing is highly recommended.



Littlehay Manor, Colton

£299,950

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to market this modern three bedroom semi detached family home, situated on a quiet private road within the sought after village of Colton. Having open aspect to rear and well maintained throughout. Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Family Breakfast Kitchen and Utility. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite, Two Further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear.

Mavesyn Close, Hill Ridware

£250,000

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this individual designed and presented detached bungalow. The interior accommodation includes an L-shaped reception hall, spacious lounge with double French doors opening onto the rear garden, extended kitchen/dining room, 3 good bedrooms, bathroom with bath and shower. Outside there is a large garage, excellent driveway parking and a delightful private rear garden.

Lower Birches Way, Rugeley

£259,950

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this four bedroom detached property situated on a corner position on The Birches. Internally the accommodation comprises: Hallway, Guest WC, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Breakfast Kitchen, Garage, Master with en suite, Three Further Bedrooms, Main Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens

Salisbury Close, Rugeley

£314,950

EXECUTIVE



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented and spacious four bedroom detached property situated on a corner plot with views towards Cannock Chase to rear. The property benefits from refitted bathrooms, large reception rooms, plentiful parking to front and landscaped rear garden, viewing essential

Buckmaster Way, Rugeley

£189,950

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● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this exceptionally well presented three bedroom semi detached property situated on Ravenhill Park. Having the benefit of two allocated side by side parking spaces to the front and an abundance of upgrades throughout the property must be viewed to appreciate and is an ideal

Somerset Avenue, Rugeley

£186,950

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● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this spacious and well presented detached family home situated on a large impressive plot with private gardens and plentiful parking. Briefly comprising hallway, guest wc, lounge, kitchen/diner, study, three bedrooms and bathroom, viewing essential

Sheringham Drive, Etching

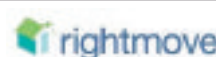
£175,000

NO  
CHAIN



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented detached home with No Upward Chain. Internal inspection is highly recommended and accommodation includes: Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner, Conservatory, Three bedrooms and shower room, Front and Rear Gardens with driveway

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● JR Distinctive Homes are pleased to offer for sale arguably one of the finest detached bungalows in Rugeley within walking distance to the town. The bungalow is situated on a large mature garden plot surrounded by similar detached bungalows in a leafy part of the town. The plot has two driveway entrances providing plentiful

Antler Drive, Etching Hill £249,950



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this large three/four bedroom detached family home situated in Etching Hill and offered with No Upward Chain. The extended property sits on a large plot with beautifully maintained rear garden and large frontage with garage. Internally the extended accommodation includes, hallway,

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Holly Cottage, Colton

£385,000



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Tithebarn Road, Rugeley

£189,950



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented and spacious three bedroom semi detached home. The property is offered with No Upward Chain and situated in a desirable area and accommodation comprises: Porch, Hallway, Lounge/ Diner, Kitchen, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Modern Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens and Garage with Parking for numerous vehicles

Anson Mews, Rugeley

£89,995



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this one bedroom ground floor apartment offered with No Upward Chain. The apartment has a pleasant courtyard garden to rear backing onto the Trent and Mersey Canal and one allocated parking space. Viewing Essential

Swallow Close, Rugeley

£150,000



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this much improved three bedroom end terraced property with aspect overlooking green area and No Upward Chain. The property has undergone several improvements and re-fittings by the current vendor in particular a purpose built garage conversion to rear providing a multitude of

Huntsmans Walk, Etching Hill £169,950 Guide Price



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this spacious and well presented link detached home in a popular location. Offered with No Upward Chain comprising of hallway, three bedrooms, kitchen/diner, bathroom and garage. The property is currently Leasehold however the current owners are in the process of purchasing the

Chester Road, Rugeley

£138,950



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this lovely two bedroom town house situated on the popular Birches development. Having an enviable location in a small row of properties with open aspect to front and side with No Upward Chain. Ideal FTB/ Investment purchase, viewing essential

Langley Way, Hawksyard

£219,950



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this superbly presented four bedroom semi detached three storey home. The property is positioned on a corner with garage and parking to the side. Internally the master bedroom occupies the top floor with en suite and dressing area, three further bedrooms, master bathroom, lounge, dining kitchen and guest wc, viewing essential

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**CANNOCK**



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**Dartmouth Road**  
**CANNOCK**



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£325,000

**Kingscroft**  
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**BRERETON**  
**£235,000**

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dining room/bedroom four, ground floor shower room, three bedrooms and a family bathroom.

Outside, the front of the property benefits from a large block paved driveway affording parking for several

vehicles plus a separate parking area suitable for a caravan or motor home. The rear garden is part of a larger than average corner plot.

In more detail the lounge has a feature fireplace, with a wooden mantle over, housing an inset electric fire.

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# A two-bedroomed traditional semi is deceptively spacious

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Webbs Estate Agents is pleased to offer a deceptively spacious traditional semi-detached property in Mountside Street, Hednesford, on sale for offers in excess of £115,000.

Close to Cannock Chase, Hednesford town centre and train station, the property is near all usual amenities.

In brief, the residence consists of a lounge, a dining room, a re-fitted kitchen, a utility and a side entrance. To the first floor there are two double bedrooms and a family three-piece bathroom.

Externally the property has an enclosed rear garden and side gate leading to the front. Viewing is recommended to fully appreciate this property.

The lounge features a double-glazed window and door facing the front elevation, a wall-mounted radiator, a ceiling light point and a further door



leading into the good sized dining room. The dining room itself has a double glazed door to the rear and windows to the side elevation, a wall-mounted radiator, an under stairs storage cupboard and an opening leading into the refitted kitchen.

The kitchen features a double-glazed window facing the side elevation, and has a range of wall, floor and drawer units with wood-effect work surfaces over.

It incorporates a one-and-a-half bowl sink and drainer with a mixer tap over, an integrated oven and hob, and has space for a fridge freezer.

The utility has space and plumbing for a washing machine.

For further information, or to book a viewing, contact Webbs Estate Agents on 01543 468846.



## Well-presented detached dormer bungalow on sale with no chain

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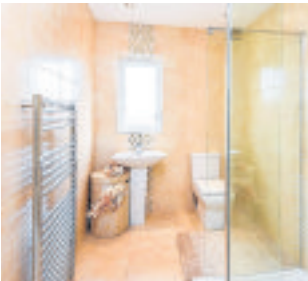
With all reasonable offers invited, this charming three-bedroomed detached bungalow in Penkridge Bank Road, Slitting Mill, is for sale through JR Distinctive Homes at £424,995 with no chain.

This well-presented and spacious dormer detached bungalow lies in a semi-rural location on the edge of Cannock Chase.

Barton Lodge, as the property is known, has been updated and improved over time by the current vendors and offers flexible accommodation with three bedrooms, two reception rooms, large conservatory, two bathrooms and a breakfast kitchen.

The lounge is a lovely room, having parquet flooring, attractive half height wood panelling and a wood burner set into a feature brick-built fireplace with a tiled hearth.

Contact 01889 577731.



## Charming and detached home has recently been refurbished

BRIDGTOWN  
£195,000 <<<

This charming traditional detached home in Park Street, Bridgtown, has recently been fully refurbished to a high standard.

It is for sale through Marwood Homes at £195,000 with no chain.

Situated close to Cannock town centre, it also has superb commuter links via road, railway and the motorway/toll road.

Its accommodation briefly comprises a welcoming lounge with a marble fireplace, a fantastic modern dining kitchen, a stylish bathroom and three good sized bedrooms with the master having an en-suite.

It has an enclosed garden plus a driveway to the front. It has recently installed gas central heating, double glazing, re-wiring and external rendering.

Contact 01543 500700.



# Kadjar is a favourite for families

By Sharon Walters

**Three years on since launch and Renault's Kadjar is still winning awards.**

Its latest gong was the Used Car of the Year and Best Mid-Size SUV in the Auto Express Used Car 2018 awards and adds to the Kadjar's growing haul of trophies. The stylish crossover won praise from the judges for its value, economy, performance, equipment and driving dynamics.

With that cupboard laden with awards I thought it was time I got behind the wheel of one.

## Options

There's a choice of four engines – a 1.2-litre TCe and 1.6-litre TCe 165 petrol, 1.5-litre dCi 110 and 1.6-litre dCi 130 diesels – and five trim levels – Expression+, Dynamique Nav, Dynamique S Nav, Dynamique SE Nav and a Signature Nav.

Four gearboxes and 2WD or 4WD are offered and prices start at £19,785.

My test car was the Signature S Nav TCe 165 which starts at £26,415. For that there's a whole suitcase of specification.

On the safety front items included are: A Visio system with lane departure warning, traffic sign recognition and automatic high/low beam; ABS; emergency brake assist; electronic stability; hill start assist; blind spot warning; front and rear parking sensors; and w hole lot more.

Inside specification includes driver and passenger height adjustable seats, electric driver's seat, leather upholstery, one-touch



Inside there's leather upholstery

easy-folding rear seats, A BOSE sound system, rear parking camera and the excellent R-LINK 2 multimedia system.

The system has a 7-inch touchscreen, TomTom LIVE with EU mapping, three way tuner, Bluetooth audio streaming and hands-free calls, USB and AUX sockets, voice control and vehicle applications. And it's so easy to use.

The car came with the six-speed manual transmission which was smooth and clean and the 1.7 engine was more than capable even when laden five-up with weekend luggage. The boot has between 472 and 1,478 litres of space and has OneTouch easy-folding rear seat mechanism, which really is one-touch, on Dynamique S and above.



It's an attractive car with robust styling and capable of coping with some off-road work in all-wheel drive

There is Stop&Start with other fuel savings measures. Combined fuel consumption officially is 45.6mpg but I only managed around 41mpg in very varied driving conditions, and with the weekend load!

With or without a load the ride was comfortable and the car coped well with country lanes and motorways.

On the C02 front this engine comes in at 139g/km with a maximum speed of 127mph and 0-62mph in 9.2 seconds.

Kadjar can be seen as three cars in one – a mix of SUV, estate and saloon – and it certainly fulfilled all three during my week of driving.

It's styling is firm and forceful but not threatening!

If you want the all-wheel drive option the car can cope with a little off-road thanks to its high ground clearance and short overhangs and if you go for top of the range versions that's helped by front and rear skid plates.

Renault's Kadjar has quality, practicality and relatively low running costs which make it favourite for families.



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Ford's new state-of-the-art Environmental Test Centre puts all the world's weather under one roof, enabling engineers to test forthcoming vehicles – from a small Ford KA+ to a two-tonne Ford Transit in the most demanding conditions.

Altitudes higher than Mont Blanc, the tallest Alpine peak, vehicle and wind speeds of up to 250 km/h (155 mph), snow, glaring sunlight and rain are among conditions that are a push of a button away in Europe's most advanced automotive environmental test centre.

On an area the size of a football pitch, engineers can now take vehicles on demanding journeys around the world, from the desert heat of the Sahara, to the arctic cold of Siberia and the heavy humidity of Costa Rica.

"The vast range of punishing simulation tests will enable Ford drivers to be confident their vehicles can handle whatever climate zone they live in," said Joe Bakaj, vice president, product development, Ford of Europe. "Travelling to the four corners of this building is like taking a trip to the four corners of the world, and our engineers will do that around the clock, every day, to continue to develop future best-in-class vehicles."



Engineers can work on up to ten vehicles at a time

The subject of a €70 million investment, the test centre offers the first automotive wind tunnel that can simulate 5,200 metres, the same elevation as the Mount Everest North Base Camp, and the first with such a range of conditions that can be simulated under one roof. The facility can also cool two rooms to -40 C and heat them up to 55 C, as well as generate 95 per cent humidity. The temperature extremes make the facility at the centre in Cologne, Germany, the hottest, coldest and most humid place in Europe, and home to the highest point in Western Europe.

In the UK, Ford Dunton's Environmental Test Laboratory has been capable of simulating altitudes up to 3,660m since 1999 – as well as temperatures from -40 to +55 deg Centigrade. Now fully operational, engineers can work on up to ten different vehicles simultaneously. Testing covers comfort, safety and durability, as well as electrical performance, braking, air conditioning, trailer towing, cabin heating and traffic jam situations. Engineers analyse the effects of high-speed winds on exterior parts, check the robustness against rain and snow, and see how fast a windscreen defrosts at different temperatures.

"The Environmental Test Centre represents a significant investment for Ford of Europe that will help enable the company here to develop vehicles for global markets," said Bakaj. All Ford vehicles will be tested, which features three climate wind tunnels, including a high-altitude lab, and four temperature-controlled test chambers, one of which will also facilitate humidity testing:

Wind Tunnel 1 is set up for hot and cold immersion testing. The 28 spotlights with 4,000-watt bulbs help to simulate the powerful sunbeams that enable engineers to check how fast the cabin can be cooled. This wind tunnel can also evaluate the interior noise from vehicle systems at different speeds, temperatures and humidity levels, to check the heating and air conditioning noise.

Wind Tunnel 2 is also set up for hot and cold immersion testing. Engineers can use this wind tunnel to make snow and rain to check the effect on visibility, engine starts and how long it takes to heat the cabin.

Wind Tunnel 3 is the altitude lab, where engineers can test vehicles at wind speeds of up to 120 km/h (75 mph) at up to 5,200 metres. The high altitude cold start and durability tests ensure the vehicle's liquids don't burst their lines when working under higher pressure.

"We can see how windshield wipers function in Arctic temperatures, how engine performance changes in extreme heat and cold, and even how much snow falls on the driver's head when they open the door. It's an engineer's dream," said Michael Steup, project manager, Environmental Test Centre, Ford of Europe.

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# All-new Kia Ceed made UK debut at London Motor Show



It was designed at Kia's European design centre in Frankfurt

By James Parker

The all-new Kia Ceed made its UK debut at the London Motor Show ahead of its on-sale date from August 1. The Ceed was displayed on the World Car of the Year stand at ExCel London.

Commenting on the UK debut of the Ceed, Mike Rutherford, World Car of the Year juror, director and vice-chairman said "The Kia Stinger came close to winning the World Car of the Year title in 2018. And the all-new Ceed looks like it will be a contender for the gong in 2019.

"We're delighted that the Ceed made its UK debut on the World Car Awards stand at the London Motor Show – Britain's motoring event of the year."

The five-door hatchback made its World Debut at the Geneva Motor Show in March with a new naming format – cee'd becomes Ceed – consolidates its reputation as a car for the Community of Europe, with European Design.

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# Peugeot's Expert, refined and comfortable

By Sharon Walters

**What's the best way to road test a van? Use it for its intended purpose and not just guess what it can actually achieve.**

That's what I did with a Peugeot Expert LWB. I needed to transport my son's possessions over to his new flat in Berlin and made the journey in the Expert. And it was a wise choice. It was easy to load thanks to side (on both sides!) and rear doors and so easy to drive.

The Expert is a multi-award winner and is currently joint Medium Van of the Year in the 2018 What Van? Awards, the second time it has taken the joint award. It was praised for its versatility and fuel economy.

James Dallas, Editor of What Van?, said: "The Expert put Peugeot back in the medium van game when it burst onto the scene in 2016 and it remains the most versatile and economical product in its sector. Refined performance courtesy of excellent engines and transmissions combines with practical load-carrying capability. The competition is tough but the Expert is still on top!" And I entirely agree.

The Peugeot Expert is available in three overall lengths; Compact, Standard and Long, offering floor lengths between 2.16m and 4.02m long. According to model, the Expert offers a maximum gross payload of 1,498kg. Body options include panel van, crew van and platform cab with a choice of trim levels from S, Professional and Professional Plus.

There are generous equipment levels with all panel van models getting a full height steel bulkhead, twin sliding side doors and twin unglazed rear doors. Standard safety equipment includes electronic stability control, remote central locking and driver and



So easy to load with dual sidedoors and rear door



The Peugeot Expert is a multi-award winner

passenger airbags. In the cab, the driver's seat is height, rake and reach adjustable and includes lumbar adjustment and a fold down armrest. A dual passenger seat with storage tray is also standard, with cruise control with variable speed limiter, front electric windows and a full size spare wheel. All models also come with DAB digital radio, Bluetooth connectivity, a USB socket and audio jack with a 12-volt power point in the cabin.

My LWB, essential for the furniture that had to be taken along with son's library of books, was the Professional Plus trim which has a wider range of equipment including air conditioning, rear parking sensors, electrically

adjustable and heated door mirrors, Moduwork front passenger bench seat with load-through bulkhead, as well as storage space below the seat. Professional models also have an alarm. Automatic lights and windscreen wipers are part of the package along with a Peugeot Connect Radio, 7-inch touchscreen, Mirror Link for enhanced smartphone connectivity and coffee break alert.

The entire package for the Professional Plus is practical with a spacious load area that's, square, and easy to access through the sliding doors on both sides. It's also lined with tough plastic which means its more resistant



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to water damage, and it's also easier to slide goods around inside, as I discovered.

It also has a relatively plush interior for van man/woman and looks classy.

There's a neatly-styled dashboard with smart dials and gauges that are all easy to read. There's room for three across the front bench, and if you want you can specify two individual captain's chairs.

There are a few engine options available for the Expert and mine was the extremely refined 2.0litre BlueHDi 180 mated to a responsive six-speed automatic gearbox. This van easily coped being packed to the roof and made light eight of the long route across Holland

and through Germany to Berlin. It cruised comfortably along European motorways with plenty in reserve for emergencies and was easy to park with the Park Assist package which included 180 degree camera with front and rear parking sensors. And the ride was first class, laden or not, with little wind or road noise

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## New M5 Competition with 616bhp released by BMW

The standard BMW M5 is no slouch, but the Bavarian brand has taken things up a notch with the release of the new M5 Competition.

The Competition is the most hardcore and performance-focused variant of the M5 yet, and boasts increased power and performance plus a reworked suspension setup to ensure it's even more impressive in the corners.

### Increased

The engine – still a 4.4-litre twin-turbocharged V8 – has had its power increased to 616bhp from 592bhp, making it the most powerful road-going BMW ever made. Torque is unchanged at 750Nm, but BMW has managed to spread it across a wider rev range, with peak torque now available from 1,800-5,800rpm. All that power is still delivered through an eight-speed automatic gearbox and the rear-biased xDrive all-wheel-drive system.

The key performance figures have improved slightly over the standard M5 and remain deeply impressive – 0-60mph is dealt with in 3.1 seconds and the 0-200km/h (124mph) sprint time has dropped from 11.1 seconds to 10.8 seconds.

That's faster than its main rival from Mercedes.

On the suspension front, BMW's dropped the already low M5 by a further 7mm and stiffened the springs by ten per cent.

The rear anti-roll bar has also been firmed up, while increasing the camber of the front wheels and adding new mounts to the front anti-roll bar,



The first deliveries of the new M5 are due in September

toe links and engine produces, BMW claims, a more precise and direct steering feel.

The M5 Competition is the first of its type to be marketed as a standalone model. Previous iterations have been named 'Competition Pack' and acted more as a trim level or an optional package.

In keeping with its new standalone ethos the Competition receives a visual upgrade to mark it out. The Competition-specific exhaust features black chrome tips, which are mirrored in the 'Shadow Line' trim.

This replaces chrome with gloss black on the grille surround, side gills and window surrounds. The interior sees bespoke mats and new graphics for the infotainment.

BMW has not yet confirmed prices for the new M5 Competition. The previous M5's Competition Pack was priced £6,700 above the standard model, so expect prices for the new Competition to be just under £100,000.

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Also a thank you to Briar Hill Nursing Home who gave such excellent care in her final years of life.  
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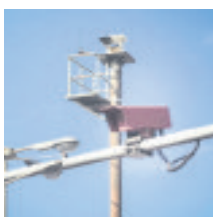
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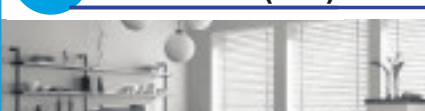
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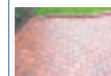
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# Tennis legend Ann returns for Classic

ONE of Britain's greatest ever tennis players joined a host of other female tennis stars from her home city to look ahead to the Nature Valley Classic Birmingham. Former British No 1 Ann Jones, who won eight Grand Slam titles during an illustrious career, was at the Edgbaston Priory Club – the venue for the women's Classic – with Birmingham's current British Under-18 champion Lillian Mould.

Jones, from Kings Heath, has a long association with the tournament, which is now in its 38th year. She played an important role in getting it onto the international WTA (Women's Tennis Association) circuit and her contribution was recognised in 2012 following the £5 million refurbishment of the venue when the new centre court was named after her.

The line-up for this year's tournament, which takes place between June 16-24 features reigning Wimbledon champion Garbiñe Muguruza, five-time Grand Slam winner Maria Sharapova and British star Johanna Konta.

# Charity game between two teams of referees

THE scene is set for a charity match next weekend in which there could well be a lot of arguments about refereeing decisions during the game.

The fixture at the Birmingham FA County headquarters on Sunday, June 3 involves two teams of referees. Organised by The Whistle Foundation – a group of four referees who have taken on the task of staging a match each year to raise funds for various charities – the game is in memory of former referee Richard Eades, who died last year.

Proceeds will go to Smile for Joel, a charity set up in to honour Saddlers fans Joel Richards, Adrian Evans and Patrick Evans who were killed in the Tunisia terror attack in 2015.

Officiating will be Burntwood whistle-blower Alan Wiley. Jamie Lunn, Ajay Sharma, Greg Rollason and Matt Bond are the fab four who got the ball rolling last year with a match at Wolves' training ground which helped raise £1,800 for St John Ambulance.

# More Games events for the Black Country

THE Black Country could play host to more sports at the 2022 Commonwealth Games, it has been revealed.

Beach volleyball and archery have been suggested as possibilities for the region when the competition arrives in the West Midlands in four years' time. Most of the events will be centred around the host city Birmingham, but some will be staged further afield including swimming and diving, which will be held at a newly-built aquatics centre in Smethwick. Cycling events could also be held at Cannock Chase.

A report on the Games from the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership has now revealed beach volleyball and archery could be brought to the Black Country if it is confirmed they will be among sports at the competition.

It will be seen as a boost by local politicians and sports leaders who have been keen to expand the Black Country's role in the Birmingham Games.



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**HAVING successfully hosted the cream of European cycle speedway, East Park Wolves are now aiming to make their mark on the world stage.**

The club, which operates from the Wolverhampton park of the same name, will launch a bid to bring the 2021 World Championships to the city.

It comes after the club successfully hosted the European Championships, attracting big crowds as the best riders on the continent went wheel-to-wheel over three days of thrilling action.

East Park Wolves chairman Albert Bentley said: "It was an absolutely brilliant weekend for the club. It was a great three days of racing."

### Boosted

"We feel the profile of the club has been boosted and we have shown we can handle such a big event. It was a massive achievement for all the volunteers who work so tirelessly to push the club on. The only bigger event in the sport than the Europeans is the worlds, so that is logically the next step." The club has now launched a funding drive to build the permanent toilet block required for their bid to be successful.

Bentley said: "We will need about £10,000 to build the toilets by the track and make the other improvements needed, such as a covered pitlane. To many people 2021 will feel a long way off but we need to



Action from one of the heats at the Cycle Speedway European Championships at East Park

start planning now. Our bid will be lodged with British Cycling and they will make the final decision. I think we tick a lot of boxes."

Appetites were whetted by the success of the European Championships, which were won by Czeszochowa after a close fought Grand Final which saw the Polish rivals edge out their much fancied domestic rivals Leszno in the final heat.

Local pride was delivered by Wednesfield Aces, who took the final place on the podium ahead of the third of the Polish triumvirate, Torun. The Aces, led by junior world champion and former East Park youth ace Brandon Whetton, had qualified second behind Leszno in the semi-finals. Torun claimed victory in the other semi-final, ahead of Czeszochowa.

Yet it was the latter who would be crowned champions at the end of the day, former world No.1 Marcin Szymanski sealing the deal by winning the last race of more than 200 staged over the course of the tournament. "We were treated to some excellent racing,"

said East Park head coach Bob Prince. "Czeszochowa were deserved winners in the end. They were not the favourites at the start but they rode smartly."

"There were a number of other good performances. It was great to see Wednesfield in the final and being led by a rider who learned his trade at East Park."

"Aside from two or three Australian riders, what we saw was the best guys in the business going wheel-to-wheel. There are not many who can live with them when they are on their game. Strength in depth always tells. There are four riders in a team and a reserve. Over a busy weekend, you need everyone to contribute. A lot of hard work went into it from the club's perspective and it has helped raise our profile."

"If we can improve the facilities the way we want, with the new toilet block and covered pits, it will make our track among the best in the sport."

To ride or volunteer with East Park Wolves visit eastparkwolves.webs.com or, to offer sponsorship, call Albert Bentley on 07814 641367.



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## Staffs crash out of trophy in a thriller

STAFFORDSHIRE crashed out of the Unicorns Knockout Trophy after a thrilling finish in defeat to neighbours Shropshire.

Kadeer Ali's side had set 265-8 in their 50 overs, but Robbie Clarke's unbeaten century guided Shropshire through to the quarter-finals as they got home by one wicket.

Staffordshire opted to bat and openers Ali and Sam Kelsall put on 53 before Ali was trapped lbw by Mike Barnard for 25. Barnard (2-22) struck again, bowling Tim Maxfield for eight. Staffordshire then lost three wickets with the score on 144, starting with Peter Wilshaw, caught by Barnard off Ross Aucott for 19.

Sam Whitney ran out former Nottinghamshire batsman Kelsall for 73, which came from 81 balls, before Ryan Hassett fell lbw to Alexei Kervezee. Gurjit Sandhu claimed the sixth home wicket when he had Brinder Phagura caught behind by Simon Gregory for 19 to leave Staffordshire on 180-6.

Michael Hill and Dan Richardson quickly put on 62 for the seventh wicket before Richardson was removed by Ross Aucott for a rapid 39.

Aucott (3-49) had Michael Hill caught by Omar Ali for 44 before the home side's innings closed on 265-8.

Shropshire, in reply, quickly lost Omar Ali, but Steve Leach and Will Parton moved the score along to 79 before Leach was trapped lbw for 46.

The visitors were in trouble at 111-5 with Kervezee and Aucott both out cheaply before Parton went for 33, also falling lbw to Richardson (3-45) but then Clarke and Sam Whitney revived Shropshire's hopes with a partnership of 108, which ended when Whitney was caught by Hill off Mitchell Spencer (3-38) for 24.

Shropshire were on 251-9 as last man Jack Twigger walked out to join Clarke in the middle. Twigger, who chipped in with five valuable runs, played an important role supporting Clarke to see Shropshire over the line with 13 balls to spare.

## Sporting boss's praise for squad

**Walsall Wood 1**  
**Wolverhampton Sporting 3**  
SPORTING booked their place in the final of the JW Hunt Cup with this victory over Walsall Wood.

Chadd Degville-Cross (2) and Dimitri Dunkley got the goals that mattered, with Kyle Rowley on the mark for Walsall Wood.

Sporting's progress to the final came after they lifted the Premier Division Cup for the first time in their history, beating Black Country Rangers 3-0, thanks to goals from Tom Hill, Dimitri Dunkley and Alex Moore. It marked an 'historic double' for the club after they powered their way to the league title.

"It is a good squad that we have," Sporting boss Andy Paddock said.

"Our players on the bench are just as good as those on the pitch."

## Shelley avoids the spills to claim spoils

By James Driver-Fisher

BURNTWOOD'S Lloyd Shelley was a trophy winner as hot weather greeted Darley Moor club racers, round two delivering a series of scorching races and unfortunate crashes.

The marshals were kept busy with an unusually high number of incidents at the Derbyshire circuit that left many riders requiring a trip to hospital. However, the volume of crashes eventually meant the round was cut short, with regular championship classes only getting to race once.

But the Thunderfest riders were able to complete their race in full, which was open to any motorcycle built before 1978, from 50cc through to

990cc. Almost 40 riders registered for the unique race, which sees riders set their own target speed before attempting to lap the circuit for 20 minutes, followed by two further laps as close to the time predicted as possible. The rider nearest to their target was Halesowen's Alain Marie, who was able to lap with a difference of just 0.03mph.

It was then time for the opening championship race, which covered the Classic and Formula 125

classes. McAuley Longmore, of Willenhall, finished eighth but first in the Formula 125 class.

The Curtis Milner Trophy, in memory of a young Darley Moor racer who lost his life in a road accident, was also decided during the day's Formula 600 race.

Burntwood's Shelley made his intentions clear from the opening lap, racing to a two-second advantage early on, which was extended to eight at the flag as he claimed the trophy.

Shelley had also been in imperious form earlier in the day, recording a rare victory in the Peak Cup class - which is open to 1,000cc machines - on his smaller Triumph 675cc.

## Cook could be the vital ingredient

WALSALL boss Dean Keates is scouring the non-league market as he looks to bolster his squad ahead of the new season.

The Saddlers chief, who was previously in charge of Wrexham in the National League, has already been linked with a move for Tranmere striker Andy Cook this summer.

And Keates revealed there are players in non-league who are amongst his transfer targets. "I wouldn't say a lot of my signings will come from non-league but there are options and possibilities to come out of there," the boss said.

"What you do get with non-league players is hunger. They want to succeed at the higher level. There is a possibility that one or two will be coming from non-league. They have that desire, which for me is really important."

Over the past few years, a whole host of clubs in non-league have gone full-time. And because of that Keates feels there are now a lot more players who can make the step up.

"The gap between non-league and the football is definitely getting smaller - there is no doubt about it," he added.

"League One was wide open last year and the gap between the conference and League Two is very, very close."

"We are League One but the gap is closing all the time. There are good players out there and it's been proven over the years. Jamie Vardy is always the one highlighted. But there are other players who have done it."

## Scholars to go West in league shake-up

CHASETOWN have already been moved divisions under the new non-league structure for 2018-19.

The Scholars, who play in the eighth tier of English football, had initially been placed in Southern League Division One East for next season.

However, after Andover Town declined promotion to the Southern League, the Scholars have been provisionally shifted across to the Northern Premier League West Division.

There they are set to play 13 clubs in league matches for the first time - including Droylsden, Ramsbottom United and Prescot Cables.

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# ADAM AND ED CONJURE WIN

ADAM Benton and Ed Fleet were the key players as Cannock beat Whittington by 104 runs in the Staffs Clubs championship.

Opener Benton scored 58 in Cannock's 178, with Tom Soten claiming 7-21. But thanks to 5-12 from Fleet, Cannock skittled Whittington for 74.

Rugeley were dismissed for 120 chasing a Wednesday target of 217-7, Mohammad Sultan claiming 4-33.

Third-placed Penkridge were involved in a remarkable tie against Fordhouses in the Birmingham League Second Division.

An undefeated 109 from former Walsall batsman Alex McChristie was the foundation for the Fordhouses total of 273-6 after Niall Cooper had begun the innings with 41. In reply 84 apiece from Rana Hassan and Waseem Shah, with the help of 33 extras, saw the scores level at the close. Adam Peat took 5-40 for Fordhouses.

### Success

C&R Hawks went down by four wickets to Sutton Coldfield. Hawks were dismissed by Sutton for 174 with Kabir Ali, with 44 and Mubeen Rashid, 41, the leading batsmen.

In reply, Sutton batsman Tom Eustace (53) scored the only half-century of the match.

In Division Three, Milford Hall returned from Whitchurch with a four-wicket success, thanks to Stuart Phazey's all-round performance.

Phazey took 4-37 as Whitchurch were all out for 160 after being at one stage 96-7.

Tom Webb took 3-26. Opening batsman Phazey then hit 79 from 69 balls to set Milford on their way to a four-wicket win with Daniel Bowen taking 3-46 for Whitchurch.

Old Hill collapsed against Lichfield, sliding from 101 without loss to 165 all out. Zain Shahid hit 67 but after he was second man out at 108, the Old Hill innings fell away as Jack Warren returned 7-22. He then scored an unbeaten 60 to help steer Lichfield to a resounding win.

## Jones Jnr a knockout with fans



Richie Woodhall, left, greets Roy Jones Jnr during the latter's visit to Bar Sport in Cannock, where the ex-world heavyweight champion entertained boxing fanatics with a feast of stories and memories. The packed-out night featured a range of topics from Junior's life, including his work in music and acting. He finally called time on a 29-year career in February with victory over Scott Simon in his native Florida. A Q&A was hosted by World, Commonwealth and Olympic champion Woodhall, who Jones Jnr defeated in the 1988 Olympics semi-final in Seoul

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